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FOOTBALL FIESTA

THE outlook for the Bi-centennial Gold Cup tournament to be staged in Australia in July 1988 is brightening up.

BY KEITH GILMOUR



DIEGO MARADONA... for Argentina.

And none will be more pleased with the event than Australia's big South American communities.

Current World Cup champions Argentina as well as the world's three times holder Brazil are certain starters.

There will hardly be a ground in the country that can handle the crowds if Diego Maradona, quite likely the world's all-time best footballer, can make it.

Tournament organiser Patrick Nally of West Nally is in touch with Maradona and things look promising.

The stature of the Bi-centennial Cup is such that the games will be beamed world-wide.

Nally has raised \$A7 million for the low profile rugby Union World Cup, so the Bi-centennial Soccer series could well outstrip that figure.

The Australian Soccer Federation expects to be in a position to announce

details of the series shortly, and it could be as early as Friday.

Although there has been little migration from Holland for many years, the newly-developing Dutch national team could join Argentina, Brazil and Australia in the series.

A new 'Johann Cruyff' is emerging in Dutch football, to add spice to their appeal.

Explosion

The Bi-centennial Cup is emerging with all the explosive force that characterised that famous visit of the New York Cosmos in 1979.

It will make the Pele trip here with Santos in 1972 look like the horse and buggy days.

In a dramatic change which hypes up Australia's World Cup fortunes, it is now likely that expatriate Craig Johnston will be available for the

Bi-centennial.

The vibes have altered considerably in the past week.

The fact that Johnston is unlikely to represent Australia before then is certain to add more spice to the series.

The ASF World Cup committees meet on Friday to settle arrangements for the National team and the under 20 and 16 years sides.

The under 20 Young Socceroos' coach Les Scheinflug is pressing for an overseas trip to hone his squad in preparation for October in Chile.

There are three National team games against China and the home Olympic Games qualifier against Chinese Taipei to be fitted in.

Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle are amongst the cities under consideration for matches.

ITALIAN GIANTS
DECIDE ON STINT
IN AUSTRALIA...
GRAZIANI — 'SI'
CONTI — NO...



BY
FRANK
COLETTA

FRANCESCO GRAZIANI will play for APIA Leichhardt in the West End National League for a period of six weeks whilst former fellow World Cup winner BRUNO CONTI will not be turning out here.

Graziani, veteran of two World Cups was originally pursued by APIA but their interest fell out when it was discovered Conti was interested in playing in the Australian National competition.

So, enter Marconi. Sydney's other Italian-backed club on hearing Graziani was definitely coming to Australia on business, went after his signature for a guest stint but on Sunday it was announced that Conti of AS Roma was not coming and APIA had returned their interest to the 34-year-old Graziani and Marconi had missed out.

It is a shame that both could not make it as there was a chance that they would have clashed in the local derby between Marconi and APIA at Bossley Park in August.

But Graziani, who has played for Fiorentina, Torino, Roma, Udinese and around 40 times for Italy will be a great drawcard for the Lambert Park club.

BRISBANE'S NSL AXING BRINGS BENEFITS

QUEENSLAND Soccer has rocketted out of the doldrums caused by its National League axing last year with the announcement that the state team will take part in an annual international South Pacific tournament.

The Maroons will travel to Auckland in May to play in a four-team round-robin tournament which will include sides from the Auckland football association, New Caledonia and Tahiti.

The tournament will be played next year in Brisbane and the following year in Tahiti assuring a long-term status.

And already, organisers

have received requests from other South Pacific countries to be included in next year's competition.

Queensland Soccer Federation officials are ecstatic over the finalising of the tournament and see the representative fixture as a major boost to retaining the state's top players, some of which have already been lured south by NSL

clubs.

"The standard of the tournament is certain to be every bit as good as the National League," said QSF secretary Alan Vessey.

The South Pacific tournament had its birth in negotiations between the Auckland FA and the QSF over a match to celebrate the New Zealanders centenary. Ideas developed into actions and now it appears Oceania will finally have a uniting tournament.

While initially each involved federation will pay its own costs, tournament promoter Harry

Dodds is meeting this week with a number of potential sponsors. Dodds said he was confident of announcing a rich purse for the first tournament and was hopeful of securing an airline as a major long term sponsor.

Quite surprisingly, the Queensland team could start the inaugural tournament, from May 9 to 15, as the underdogs.

More than half the current all white (NZ) National squad come from Auckland national league clubs. And Auckland Football Association chairman Mr Frank

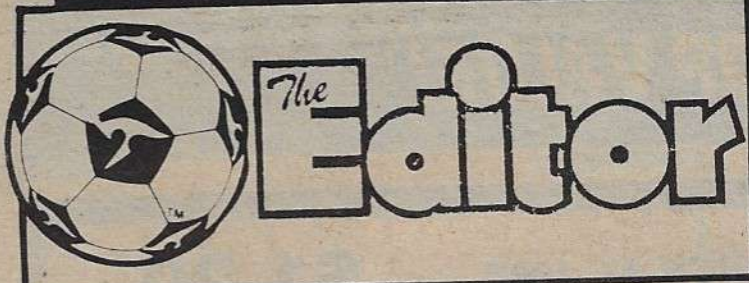
Thompson has assurances the clubs will release their stars to the representative team.

Star Studded

The Auckland side should include Frank Van Hattum, Ricki Herbert, Malcolm Dunford, Allan Boath, Dave Witteveen, Kevin Hagan, Duncan Cole and Darren McClennan

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AMATEURS COMBINE
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THE countdown to the kick-off in the West End Soccer League is drawing close and indications are that there will be some very entertaining clashes on the way.

The word 'entertaining' has particular significance. The game is about winning and clubs, coaches and followers have their eyes fixed on the competition tables.

But unless teams go at each other and skill is at the forefront, with teamwork, joy and drive, the turnstiles cannot keep clicking.

That puts a huge task on the shoulders of coaches and players, but it is a burden they must bear if Soccer is to go ahead.

Despite all the progress made in the code in Australia since the days of postwar migration, the sport still has a tremendous distance to travel.

At spectator football level it has to find a more positive niche despite plenty of media push behind other codes and sports.

Thanks to the work that is going in at amateur junior and schools level especially in NSW, Queensland and the ACT, there is a strong supply of capable youngster finding their way through the playing ranks.

All this effort makes the bid to present high class football all the more worthwhile.

Sport must in this day and generation call for a tremendous back-up of resources and particularly adequate seating and cover wherever possible at the grounds.

Soccer has very few stadiums that meet public needs.

In NSW the State Government is being pressed to invest more and more money in rugby league and also union venues.

With the split between the direct interests of National League and State League Soccer clubs, there is no unified move for Soccer to get its rightful share of the available monies.

Until this is realised there cannot be adequate progress.

—oOo—

One of the major failures of the 1986 season was the limited number of referees who could make the grade required for the National League.

With the 1987 League round limited to seven games, and the experience gained last season, there should be an improvement this year.

Players have to accept the discipline doled out by referee — like it or lump it.

Assessing that there is the expected improvement in referees standards, the fans should appreciate it.

But through life there is so often no perfection. The fans should appreciate the difference between enjoying a high standard of refereeing and the perfection that the officials cannot present.

This year there is no room for crowd mishbehaviour. It is up to the clubs to ensure that no circumstance creeps up on them that could lead to trouble.

Some may consider it out of order to raise a note of warning when the isn't even a cloud on the horizon.

But it is better to be wiser before the event — to the extent that any possible trouble should be completely averted.

It is quite possible to say that the media will overlook crowd trouble in other sports.

The sad fact is that Soccer will be made to doubly suffer if any behaviour gets out of hand.

But here's hoping... a top season on the way.

LUKIC RUMOURS ARE OFF BEAM

THE word was around yesterday that Sydney Olympic coach Milan Lukic would be sacked tomorrow night.

That would have meant that he would have been out even before the West End League began.

The only flaw in the story is that the Olympic management is not even meeting on Wednesday night.

Maybe the "coach appointers" will have to look a little further into their crystal balls.

— K.G.

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Souness input changes trend

MANLINESS AND HONESTY ARE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL'S STYLE

WITH Soccer rather scarce on our television screens these days, I have been watching the Scottish Soccer screened by ABC on late Thursday evenings.

I find it as fascinating as in previous years when I watched Brazilian Soccer on SBS, and West German Soccer, also on ABC.

The fascination is in the different style of Soccer played in each of those countries.

In Germany there is the massed defence, which can often make games seem dull, as strikers and midfielders back off to defend in depth in their own half.

The German game, in possession of the ball, is fairly skilful, but of course cannot compare

readily than do the Soccer pro's in the four divisions in England.

The language and abuse of linesmen and referees in England is appalling... the worst in the world.

In England the game is based very much on early passing with few players running with the ball.

The Scottish game is based very much on running with the ball.

English managers, when they are looking for running or dribbling type players to provide variation in the rather plain English style, will invariably

European and especially the South American ball artists, have found the competitiveness of the English game hard to handle and this has diminished their impact.

The Scottish player is often a good, fast dribbler up front, and usually is not afraid of taking knocks.

The Scot, like the Yugoslav, is a fiercely independent, individualistic type of person.

It is this which perhaps has produced this rather individualistic Scottish type of game, with a great amount of individual running with the ball and probably less combined passing than any other country in the world.

Because of their intense individual pride, the Scots are not considered the best at co-operating and working together. The Yugoslavs have a similar reputation.

I rate the Yugoslavs the most skilful players in Europe, possessing all of the skills, almost matching that of the Brazilians.

Yet their success rate in European national championships, or World Cups is very poor.

You can say the same for the Scots.

It will be interesting to see whether the move of Graeme Souness back to Scotland, to manage and play with Glasgow Rangers, will produce a change in Scottish Soccer.

'Poms' in Glasgow

Souness has already produced one change — that of luring English internationals such as Terry Butcher, Chris Woods and Graham Roberts, Jimmy Nichol of Northern Ireland and also Colin West to Scotland, reversing the century-old trend of top Scotland players crossing the border into England to play for the big clubs there.

Souness was playmaker for Liverpool over many years. He was the main passer in a team whose style is based on quick early passing.

It seems most likely that this will be how Rangers will play the game.

Rangers is a big club.



TERRY BUTCHER challenges Maxime Bossis of France whilst playing for England.

with the great technical brilliance of the Brazilians.

What I hated about the Brazil game was the constant hold-ups for tripping and shirt pulling, plus the feigning of fouls.

In Scotland there is very little of that, though in a game between Hibernians and Dumfermline, in the Scottish Cup, there was a very bad professional foul which did not receive the punishment it deserved.

Generally, however, the game seems to be played honestly in Scotland.

The Scots pride themselves on their manliness and few play at being injured, or fouled.

Generally they seem to accept refereeing decisions. Certainly more



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CHRIS WOODS

Stein won Britain's first European Champions Cup with Celtic. He was in charge of the Scottish national team that qualified to meet Australia in the World Cup last year.

Tragically he died during the game in which Scotland qualified to meet Australia.

The new manager of Scotland became Alex Ferguson of Aberdeen, who in recent years had taken over from Celtic to deprive Rangers of Scottish domestic honours.

Now it is Andy Roxborough.

rough With Rangers, aided by a massive spending spree, now top of the Scottish Premier League, are we about to witness a revival by the country's greatest club?

The signs point that way. Graeme Souness seems ready not only to change the fortunes of this sleeping giant, but to perhaps change the face of Scottish Soccer.



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The war for football

JOE MULLEN

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PETER LAUMETS . . . S.M. keeper goes for the punch

A black and white photograph of a male athlete in a 'PRESTO' jersey running during a track event. The athlete is in the foreground, leaning forward in a powerful running stride. He is wearing a light-colored short-sleeved jersey with 'PRESTO' printed across the chest and dark shorts. Another athlete in a similar 'PRESTO' jersey is visible behind him, also in motion. The background is blurred, suggesting a track setting with spectators or other participants.

JOHN KOSMINA . . . Sydney Olympic striker

petition will include teams from Brisbane and Perth as well as the Sydney Swans, with Tasmania and South Australia tipped to join in the near future.



ZARKO ODZAKOV . . . Sydney Croatia power

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code and has a solid participation base in all States of Australia.

Battle

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TRANS TASMAN CLASHES HERALD A BETTER ERA

IT always good to see games between teams from across the Tasman to compare standards and the new Qantas Cup could be the start of more to come.

Sydney City had all but been written off before the season started as contenders for the NSL in

1987, but this win in Auckland against North Shore will certainly give Eddie Thomson's men added confidence for the start of the season.

Their 2-0 win underlines the difference at club level between the two countries, with the Australian NSL teams being just a bit the professional for their Kiwi counterparts.

At National level the Kiwis have a formidable record for such a small country, but the depth at club level would be no where near that in Australia.

This could widen ever further with the new 14

team format, but games of this nature can do nothing but good in terms of improvements at club level at both sides of the Tasman.

[Alan Vest is a former New Zealand captain — Ed]



ALAN VEST HAS HIS SAY . . .

Former NZ international and well-known coach, ALAN VEST, now NSW Director of Coaching, writes for ASW.



ROBBIE SLATER . . . potential showing.

SLATER'S REFRESHING OUTLOOK

ROBBIE Slater certainly posted an early reminder to National coach Frank Arok that he is certainly well worth a close look for National team honours.

In the State Bank Cup final his early season form helped Croatia win, in amongst other players also staking a claim.

With Graham Arnold, Steve Maxwell, Frank Farina and David Lowe - other front men who've won the green and gold also in the game - it shows that Slater's performance was in top company as well.

His strong running both on and off the ball was a feature of the game and this, as well as his goal, helped Croatia to that win.

Great enthusiasm and non-stop performance shows what a valuable player he is in a team.

Just a little more luck in front of goal and he could well have added to his early one.

So over the next few weeks it will be interesting to see if he can maintain his early season form and push further for that green and gold shirt.

SAINTS YOUNGSTERS SCARE OLYMPIC

ST GEORGE, completely without experienced campaigners, scared the living daylights out of the star-studded Sydney Olympic last Wednesday night in the pre-season Sydney NSL Tournament at the St George Stadium.

Trailing 1-0 with less than 30 minutes to go, Olympic had to battle hard to struggle to a 3-1 victory over the St George "kids".

An excellent second-half hat-trick by left-midfielder Terry Patalis enabled Sydney Olympic to get out of jail.

The Saints, following their off-season clear-out of experienced players, took the field with a brand new team, with only goalkeeper Mike Gibson and centre-back Mike O'Shea having had

extensive NSL experience.

The Saints hit the front as early as the 16th minute, when a bad back-pass by right-midfielder Gary Phillips was well intercepted by St George central striker, Kevin Meacock.

Meacock calmly zip-ped in and slotted home past Olympic's goalkeeper, Gary Meier, to score in the far corner of the net.

But St George, instead of dropping back into defence, kept coming forward, despite their enormous vacuum in the experience department.

Right midfielder Kenny Slaveski, central midfielder Craig Moffitt and Meacock, threw themselves into the foray against the very well experienced Olympic players.

Martyn Rogers, Olympic's classy right-back, recently back from England, was understand-

ably replaced just after halftime, still suffering jet-lag. Olympic dropped their striker, Stuart Johnston back into the right-back spot and brought on young Andy Zervas into the strike-line.

Ten minutes into the second session, former striker for Sydney Olympic, Patalis, looking much fitter and stronger this year, pulled back a goal to equalise the scoreline.

Sydney Olympic's left-back, Spyros Hantzis, dispossessed St George of the ball 50 metres out and, in a flash, cracked a brilliant long, wide cross to the right into an empty pocket for Patalis. Patalis easily glided in on the ball, beat a defender to smash home Olympic's second goal.

From a Peter Raskopoulos corner, Patalis headed in Olympic's last goal to complete his well-earned hat-trick for the

evening.

After the match, an unexpectedly pleased St George coach, Frank Arok, stated to ASW: "I am excited with the potential of my young team. With a few more good matches like tonight under their belts, we will again be a threat."

But in the other dressing rooms, the victorious Olympic coach, Milan Lukic, lamented: "I am not happy with the way things went tonight. We are still leaving too many gaps across the pitch and much more work is needed to be done."

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, M.O'Shea, Kulscar, Owens: Slaveski, Moffitt, Porter: Petkovski, Meacock, Fletcher.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Hantzis: Phillips, Kotomanidis, Raskopoulos, Patalis: Johnston, Kalantzis.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

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APIA SURRENDERS ADVANTAGE

A three goal scoring burst over the last ten minutes rescued Marconi from near certain defeat in the Sydney NSL pre-season tournament at Marconi Stadium on Wednesday night.

The 3-2 win hardly reflected the early run of play in which APIA-Leichhardt could well have been four up at half-time.

The loss left a solemn APIA coach Rale Rasic feeling let down by certain of his players. "Some of them have yet to learn what it means to play in big-time football," he said.

But Marconi's first half jitters could have been overcome earlier.

Roberto Vieri chose to leave Gerry Gomez in an attacking role until the break. As soon as he teamed up with Tony Henderson in central defence APIA found the going harder.

Peter Katholos, just signed by the Maroons, beat Marconi goalkeeper Paul Jones at the near post in the 10th minute from a right wing corner.

APIA was right on top with some slick passing, and in the 44th minute Terry Butler put his team 2-0 ahead with a sparkling left foot drive.

They were certainly showing up quite well, especially as Vic Bozanic and Charlie Yankos were both missing from the defence.

Improvement

Whilst Marconi improved after the break,

BY KEITH GILMOUR

the game lacked fire and APIA appeared to be inevitably heading towards victory.

But a somewhat slowly moving Steve Maxwell kept bullocking away, and Frank Farina somehow won an 80th minute penalty from referee Richard Lorenc and scored the through Terry Greedy's hands.

Atti Carbone, who had been grafting away wholeheartedly but with a moderate success, found an 85th minute equaliser.

And, in the second last minute, Steve Maxwell snatched the winner when Greedy allowed a rebound from an awkward shot.

Afterwards Roberto Vieri affirmed his belief that Maxwell will be hit-



PETER KATHOLOS . . . APIA's early goal.

ting his straps in two or three weeks time.

MARCONI: Jones, Rizzotto (Okon 45m), Wheatley, Henderson, Sterrey, Carbone, Gray (Markovski 65m), Gomez, Farina, Nasteovski

(Gunning 46m), Maxwell. APIA: Pezzano (Greedy 46m), Zalmi, M. Brown (Masi 88m), Bertogna, Brady, Tredinnick, Bundalo, Katholos, Parison, R. Brown, Butler.

Referee: R. Lorenc. Crowd: 1025.

NSL CLUBS NEITHER SAINTLY, NOR SLICK!

THE performance by St George and Sydney City in the Sydney NSL pre-season left a lot to be desired, in fact it also left an empty scoresheet.

BY
FRANK
COLETTA

It was an inept effort by both sides and really City, although being so

disappointing, was the only one to show some enterprise.

Abbas Saad displayed some of the craft that won him a spot in the Australian Youth squad when he released Grant Lee with an incisive pass

through the middle of the Saints defence after 13 minutes. The nippy City forward should have done better than ram his shot straight into the oncoming 'keeper Mike Gibson.

Just on the half hour

Joe Caleta had a chance to put his side ahead when a run on the right by Craig Moffitt was followed by a hard whipped ball across the goalmouth which the young forward only had to tap in. Instead, he slid in and missed.

In a way St George could be considered unlucky as Brett Hughes and Ian Souness com-

bined to deny near certain goals near half-time.

After 39 minutes Souness headed a shot from Ken Slaveski off the line and from the rebound Hughes dived to parry a brace of shots from Stuart Porter.

Straight from the ensuing corner Souness again cleared a shot off the line and City

breathed again.

If the first half was ordinary the second was a downright bore, and the fans let the players know it too.

In all there were only two occurrences of any note in the final 45 minutes and one was a booking.

The other saw Anthony Parish streaking away down the left

hand side in a gallop of some 35 metres which ended with a strike against the post with all the Saints defenders watching.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes, Barrett (Patterson 67), Robertson, O'Connor, Hooker, Souness, Lee, Barnes, de Marigny, Saad, Parish. ST. GEORGE: Gibson, Green, Kulscar, Owens, Porter (Pottier 80), M.O'Shea, Slaveski, Moffitt, Ollerenshaw (Grbevski 80), Caleta (Hughes 88). Crowd: 5812 Referee: G. Power.

MARCONI'S REVENGE — HOW SWEET IT IS

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE large crowd that witnessed Marconi's 3-2 win over a gallant Sydney Croatia went away on Sunday night knowing that they had seen two of the best teams in this season's national league.

The class of football displayed in this purely pre-season affair was top notch and, as they say, a great advertisement for the game.

Marconi began like the proverbial 'house on fire' and stunned the Croats with a goal after just four minutes through their great buy, Frank Farina.

A mistake from the Croatia defence brought about their undoing as Ray Vlietstra played a clearance straight to Farina's chest 30 metres from goal. Quick as a flash the young Socceroo played a one-two with fellow import Steve Maxwell and Anthony Frank-en was too late as his nemesis of late ploughed home his shot.

Marconi kept up the tempo and Maxwell glanced a header from a Craig Mason cross just wide. On this night 'Mad Max' dispelled any doubts about his move to Fairfield with a brilliant effort.

Mason however was headed for a different destiny... the showers.

He and his opposite in the Croatia line-up David Rezo clashed in the 32nd minute and referee Arthur Owens had no option but to send them off.

The incident came about as both midfielders were involved in a tackle on the half-way and after a jostle the fight broke out and the red card was shown to them.

Just prior to that Robbie Wheatley found himself with a clear-cut chance after a quick-fire Marconi counter, but his shot was hit straight at Franken.

Six minutes before the break Marconi asserted an even firmer grip on the match when Wally Savor harrassed by David Lowe put the ball into his own net.

Then Maxwell let fly with a swerving drive from 25 metres that was a sign of what was to come in the second half. Franken saved well, however.

Croatia had kicked off the match without four regulars and when Graham Arnold and Robbie Slater came on at the break the match took a different turn.

Marconi were under seige and Mark Jones brought the best out of his namesake, 'keeper Paul Jones straight after the re-start.

Slater's remarkable goalscoring form continued five minutes later when he did as Farina did, played a one-two

(with Lamond), and slid the shot in.

Farina though nearly replied to the challenge and a strong 15 metre header from a corner flew just over and a curled shot went just wide.

Not to be outdone in stepped Maxwell and his fierce, dipping 25 metre drive smashed against the cross-bar on the hour.

But Croatia continued their surge forward and the equaliser was riddled with class, Graham Arnold class that is.

The brilliant striker collected a pass 35 metres from goal and set off on a taunting, dribbling run. He left Lee Sterrey on his backside before rocketing a lethal shot past the hapless Jones to level the scores.



GRAHAM ARNOLD

Jones and Jones (sounds like a commercial) were at it again soon after with the goalie in charge again.

But the hero Arnold was somewhat a villain soon after his ripping goal when he went alone,

as did Manis Lamond earlier, with three supports unmarked on the far post.

Savor redeemed himself to some extent in the 77th minute when he cleared a shot off his line and over the bar from Lowe.

Paul Jones then made two instinctive saves from Arnold inside a minute and Tony Henderson and Attilio Carbone were shown the yellow card for both fouling Robbie Slater in the same run.

The coup de grace was delivered by replacement Zlatko Nastevski with four minutes left.

Carbone and Paul Carter played a quick one-two on the sideline and the latter made a brilliant twisting move away from Arnold. He bolted up the line and drove a superb low, hard cross straight to the feet of Nastevski. 'Nasty' looked up some 20 metres from goal and drilled a curling shot beyond the bemused Greg Woodhouse.

Time enough for Maxwell to let fly with an overhead kick and for the Jones boys to go at it again before the excitement was called to a halt.

MARCONI: P. Jones, Carter, Wheatley, Henderson, Sterrey, Mason, Carbone, Lowe, Farina, Maxwell, Okon (Nastevski 53).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken (Woodhouse 46), Rezo, Jennings (Kero 46), Vlietstra, Rumora, Clinch (Arnold 46), Savor, Jurin, M. Jones, Lamond, Cerro (Slater 46).

Crowd: 5812 Referee: A. Owens.

AROK'S WRAPS ON GEORGE KULSCAR

ST GEORGE manager, Frank Arok, promises the West End National League two new sensational players that will make their NSL debut on Friday week against Apia at the St George Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"Within two years, one of these players will be as good as, if not better, than former World Cup star, David Ratcliffe," Arok stressed.

And the player concerned is 19 year old George Kulscar, the current World Youth central defender.

Besides having excellent defensive qualities and the ability to read a game well, young George can chime into an attack from the back-line.

The second star, is right midfielder, Kenny Slaveski, who according to Arok, will be just as skilful as Joe Watson and promises that this will be his year.

St George, despite their mass exodus of experienced players from last season's squad, managed to scare the day-

lights out of Sydney Olympic last Wednesday night and held Sydney City to a scoreless draw last Sunday night in the Sydney NSL tournament.

Adding to Arok's problems of inexperienced players, St George's new club captain for this season, Andy Koczka is uncertain of being fit for the Apia match.

"Young Andy has been medically cleared by the club doctor, but he still lacks match-fitness," Arok commented.

Koczka suffered a severe injury on January 17th at pre-season training when he severely ripped his medial cartilage and had to have his leg set in plaster.

Should Koczka not be available, the captaincy will be taken over by cen-

tre-back, Mike O'Shea.

The Saints look to have secured a winner in central striker, Kevin Meacock.

Meacock, a former player with Austral in Newcastle, is a young, tall, slimly-built attacker who as well as possessing an abundance of skills, relishes a high work rate.

The match Saints vs Apia kicks off at 8pm, Friday week at the St George Stadium.

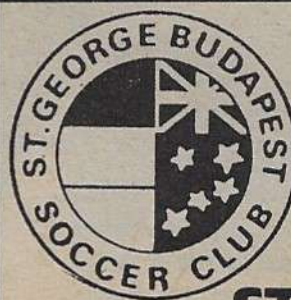
PATIKAS

AEK star Jim Patikas has received approval from his club to play four guest matches for Sydney Croatia.

The problem could be that he is available when the NSL is out of action due to the international matches in Australia and South Korea in June.

He is expected to receive \$1000 per game together with return air fares for his wife Denise and himself.

SAINTS vs APIA



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The State League Story

BLACKTOWN BEGINS WITH A BANG

BLACKTOWN confirmed its pre-season favouritism with a crushing 4-0 defeat of Warringah-Freshwater at Gabbie Stadium.

Warringah were no match for the talented locals and they were outclassed in almost every department.

Indeed, only poor finishing by the Blacktown attack prevented what could so easily have been a rout.

Blacktown dominated almost from the start and took the lead in the 25th minute when a 15 metre powerdrive by Jason van Blerk found the top left corner of the net.

However, despite a series of golden chances, the goals did not begin to flow until the second half.

In the 50th minute, Brian Ellem netted a 20 metre drive after lead-up work by Brett Thornthwaite and Adam Sandy and then, 10 minutes later, Bill Jeffreys struck with a 22 metre shot after a lovely one-two with Ellem.

In the 80th minute, it was Thornthwaite's turn to have his name added to the scoresheet and his perfect execution of a move begun by Darren Northam and Sandy was a fitting conclusion to the game.

BLACKTOWN: McPherson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Kay, Jeffreys, Ellem, Van Blerk, Sandy (Coton 80m), Thornthwaite.
Warringah: No team given.

MANLY WARRINGAH 1 KU-RING-GAI 0

MANLY's unfashionable band of hard-working locals showed they could be a force in 1987 when they earned a well deserved 1-0 win over Ku-ring-gai at Cromer Park.

Manly's win means that Ku-ring-gai have still to chalk up full points at Cromer Park in a State League match.

It was a plucky effort by the locals who fully exploited the blustery conditions in the first half.

This was exemplified in the 15th minute, when a long clearance by Wayne Pearce found striker, Mark Cimarosti, who streaked past the defence to crack home a splendid half-volley.

A run down the right flank by Cimarosti in the 21st minute followed by a cross to Robbie Stuart almost took the margin to two but the midfielder headed just over the bar.

Ku-ring-gai, with the wind at their backs, bounced back in the second half and created numerous golden scoring opportunities with Paul Fagan, Glen Jeffrey and David Kevern going excruciatingly close.

But Manly hung on to survive the onslaught.

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis Pearce (Sestanovich 80m), Williamson, Mangham, Stuart, Etherington, Juergens, Carrick, Cimarosti, Smith (Loughran 65m).

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Camburn, Berry, Pepper, Suther-

land, Quigley, Williamson, Nile, Bass, Jeffrey.

CANTERBURY 1 CANBERRA 1

THIS may have been the State League instead of the NSL, but almost everything else was unchanged as Canterbury and Canberra battled to a 1-1 draw at Arlington Oval.

It was non-stop entertainment with acrobatic Canterbury keeper, Chris Hummell, delighting the locals with a succession of spectacular saves.

However, Canberra's surging attacks, finally paid off in the 20th minute when player-coach, Augusto Palacios, hammered an unstoppable 25 metre drive past the flailing arms of Hummell, proving that he, too, is mortal.

Although Canberra had several more chances after the break, it was Canterbury who netted in the 53rd minute after a cross from the left was dummied by John Pettas to allow John Stamos the easiest of tap ins.

Hummell and John Radman excelled for Canterbury while Palacios, Ray Junna and Steve Mazis shone out for Canberra.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, Radman, Mickovski, Antoniadis, Vanarakis, Kalogeris, Andromedas, Stamos, Pettas (Antonopoulos 70m), George, Arambasic.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Nelson, P. Reis, Junna, Sermann, Palacios, S. Reis, Wilcox.

URUGUAY 2 W'GONG CITY 3

IT may have been Uruguay's first outing at Cook Park but visitors, Wollongong City refused to allow sentiment to interfere with proceedings and went home celebrating a 3-2 win.

The first half, however, belonged to Uruguay and they stormed to a 1-0 lead in the 12th minute through Craig Aylec after a free kick by Craig Thomson.

The locals increased the margin in the 30th minute when striker, Dave Batten, smashed a scorching 30 metre drive into the top right corner after lead-up work by Aytek.

But after their midfielder, Gary Hastie, was sent off in the 55th minute, Uruguay crumbled.

Five minutes later, Frank Dmertzis pulled a goal back for City from the penalty spot and in the 75th minute Rale Stefanovsky capitalised on a misunderstanding in the

Uruguay defence to post the equaliser.

Jock Morlando added the killer blow 10 minutes from full-time with a crashing 20 metre free-kick.

Aytek was Uruguay's outstanding player while City's second half replacement, Leo Ircosa — ironically, from Uruguay — was easily the pick of the visitors.

URUGUAY: Hoare, Woods, Tomasic, O'Donnell, Mosquera, Hastie, Wilkes, Thompson, Hunter, Aytek, Batten.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Skeen, Morlando, Vermlir, Hollisiel, Ainsworth, Dmertzis, Cokely, Easthorpe, Stefanovsky, Giraldi (Ircosa 46m).

SUTHERLAND 0 ROCKDALE 0

IN a typically bruising start to the year, Sutherland and Rockdale refused to give anything away as they battled to a scoreless draw at Hurstville Oval.

There were few real opportunities in this uncompromising local derby with both sets of defences doing the lion's share of work.

BANG

Sutherland's best opportunity, midway through the first half, followed a goalmouth scramble involving Darren Sharp and Steve Meades.

Soon after, Rockdale's closest scoring chance fell to midfielder, Vlado Tortevski, whose 30 metre free kick swerved around the wall only to be tipped over the bar by the flying Sutherland keeper Craig Burchmore.

It just didn't seem to be Tortevski's day and in the 75th minute he suffered the indignity of being shown the red card for spitting at Meades.

Meades was probably the pick of the day while both defences played solidly.

ROCKDALE: Barker, D. Wilson, G. Wilson, Boogaard, Mitrevski, Tortevski, Nastoski, Pilovski, Beddoni, Spirovski, Rodas.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Sellar, Terry, Ball, Tasker, Meades, Harrington, Lerond (Cox 55m), Duncan (Cabban 70m), Sharp.

LOOSE DEFENCE COSTS MELITA FULL POINTS

MELITA Eagles' greater polish was neutralised by Inter Monaro's courage and stamina as they shared the points after an eight-goal feast in the opening round of the NSW State Bank Soccer season at the Marco Polo ground in Queanbeyan on Sunday.

BY HERB HILD

Melita's territorial dominance was overwhelming at times, but its defence was disturbingly fragile.

In fact Monaro's rare counter attacks exposed a line-up which looked like a midfield — composed when in possession, too loose when under pressure.

Melita were crisp and elegant in attack, even when two goals down, an attitude that was finally replaced by healthy desperation when Monaro

had taken what looked like an unsurpassable two goal lead well into the second half.

For Monaro coach Vic Fernandez there were rays of hope.

There was the undeniable flair of former Soceroo Bas Giampaolo.

His old-time striking partner Walter Valeri, still shaky after his long lay-off, showed some glimpses of his old form.

And four goals for starters is not too bad. Giampaolo, newly-appointed captain, netted one goal and was instrumental in another.

In Ivo Felizzi, Monaro has a speedy orthodox winger with a good right foot.

He gave his side a lead in the third minute when he broke away on the right to puncture Melita's prolonged pressure.

Ten minutes later Inter led 2-0, again against the run of play when Ross Panbianca took advan-

tage of an interception that put him metres clear of defenders.

Melita finally made its build-up count when John Foxman cut the deficit with a hard shot in the 20th minute.

Three minutes later Ray Farrugia was fouled in the penalty area, but missed from the spot-kick.

Giampaolo rubbed salt into the wound when he outpaced Derek Laing and passed for Felizzi to put it home.

Farrugia drove into the net after a free-kick by Greg Brown in the 49th minute for 2-3.

Giampaolo's goal in the 52nd minute should have been enough, but Melita came back when Greg Brown scored.

Monaro, at times with a seven-man defence, was punished once more by Farrugia, who struck from 30 metres out to snatch the equaliser.

MONARO: Notaris, Monterosso (Martiniello 72), Whithear, Gagetli, Titilas, Ambrosino, Felizzi, Panbianca, Valeri, Fernandez, Giampaolo.

MELITA: Pupovac, Laing, Meerbani, Williams, Callinan, Wellbourn (Vial 74), Farnsworth, Farrugia, Sertbas, Foxman, Brown.

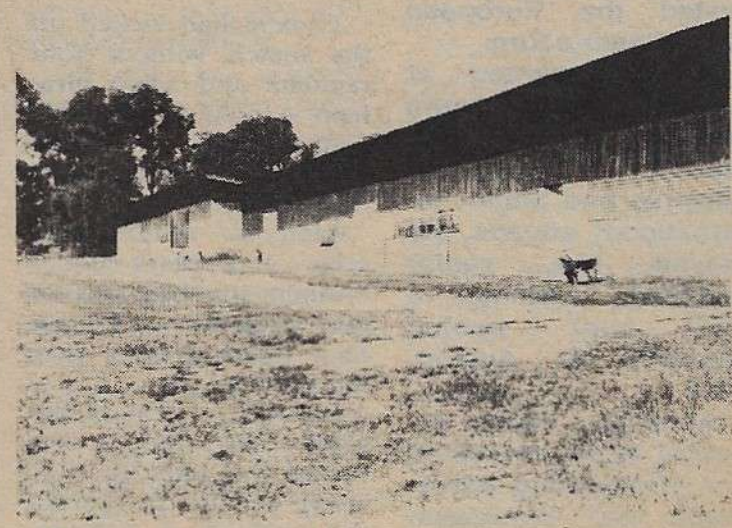
EARLY DAYS AT VALENTINE PARK

IMAGINATION and well-directed work certainly pay off. At Parklea the access from Meurants Lane looked like this.

Converted chicken sheds provided the accommodation for players and coaches alike. Then came the time to rip them down and erect the present fine edifice. Drive and funds — raised by the NSW Federation and from the NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation made the difference.



In the beginning there was a site and a dream.



At least we had a roof over our heads. Too bad about the chickens.



□ GREG BROWN

URUGUAY IN BIG COOK PARK EVENT

URUGUAY Soccer Club had excellent weather to celebrate their first game on their new home ground at Cook Park, St Marys.

Club secretary Mr R. Henry-Tapia said: "It was a fantastic start for our new ground, but the pity was we couldn't begin with a win over Wollongong. "The ground is 200% better than Mona Park, where we previously

played. "The crowd was 1100 and everybody was happy with the day, except for the result.

"With such a good floodlighting set-up we are aiming to put on a special night game.

"At this stage we are

planning to play Canberra City Olympians at Cook Park under lights in the 10th round."

Uruguay had many dignitaries present at the game.

The Ambassador of Uruguay, Mr Julio Jaibruno obliged with the kick off.

HE'S NOT HEAVY — HE'S MY BROTHER!

High School girl Joanne Ward sent us this clip and picture concerning her brother, who has made Sutherland Shire's first teams quad. More fans like Joanne and the club will certainly be going places...



Left to right: John Reynolds (Manager), Lee Nelson, Garry Ball (Captain), Tony Logue, Stewart Ward, Frank Mrvic, Steven Pische, Scott Bond, Wayne Parsons, Andy Watson (Masseur), Max Groll (Coach), Adrian Weimers, Greg Alderson, Craig Tever, Sid Massorotti, Michael Hawkes, Tony Clark, Jamie Rankin. Absent: Andrew Duncan.

Picture of my brother Stuart Ward in and

Dear Soccer Weekly, EDITOR,
Well my name is Joanne Ward and I'm a student at Jannali Girls High. I would like to put a good name in for my brother Stuart Ward in one of your columns. He is such an excellent soccer player and also he is very talented. My brother plays this year for Sutherland Shire State League 1st Division. What I am saying is that he should be able to play in an harder competition, and maybe one day he will be able to be a professional!

Joanne Ward

DEE WHY SWANS CLOSE TO A BROTHERLY RECORD

DEE WHY Swans went very close to having four brothers in their line-up in the NSW State League Second Division this year.

Signing on the dotted line were three Stuart brothers — striker Chris and midfielders David and Andrew.

But club coach Mike

Speed had to admit that he missed out on catching the big fish, and that is other brother, Manly-Warringah's Robbie Stuart.

As well as being a regular in the State Bank League, Robbie is widely recognised as being one of the best indoor Soccer exponents in the National Indoor Soccer League.

Last year, in their first

season under Speed as coach, the Swans glided into fifth position on the table.

For whatever it may mean, throughout the three grades of the club there was not one player who was a married man, let alone engaged.

But two country imports have made a degree of change — for better or for worse if not for richer

or poorer — for this season.

Into the club came Glen Murray, formerly of Bathurst 75 in the Central West of the state, and Chris Vince, who was with Shoalhaven City in the Nowra district last year.

Both are married, so who knows whether the tendency towards that 'state of bliss' will expand its wings this year...

— K.G.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS — R1

GROUP 1

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Marconi v Ku-ring-gai	4-0	2-2	3-0	4-3
Central Coast v Sydney Oly	Postponed			
Nepean v Blacktown City	2-2	1-4	1-0	0-4
APIA v Gladesville	5-1	4-0	4-0	2-1
St George v Sydney City	5-0	1-0	1-1	5-0
Melita v Southern Dists	4-0	0-2	5-0	6-3
Illawarra v Canterbury-Marr.	2-5	6-0	7-2	0-0

GROUP B

Yugal v Sutherland	1-8	0-3	1-3	0-3
Campbelltown v Macarthur	2-6	0-7	1-3	0-2
Manly v Polonia	0-0	1-0	0-3	1-2
Nth Bankstown v Uruguay	7-0	1-0	2-1	1-0
Avala v Bankstown	1-4	0-2	2-2	6-1
Croatia v Rockdale	5-1	1-0	4-0	1-0
Canterbury v Blacktown	3-1	1-0	0-1	1-5

GUCCI SHIELD FINAL, Marconi v Canterbury-Marr.
St George Stadium, Sydney 12.45pm.

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

ROUND 2

GROUP A

Central Coast	v	Marconi	Bill Plum Mem.
Nepean	v	Syd. Olympic	Cook Park
Blacktown City	v	Gladesville	Gabbie Stad.
APIA	v	Sydney City	Valentine Park
Sthn Districts	v	St George	Ernie Smith
Cant/Marr.	v	Melita	Arlington Oval
Illawarra	v	Ku-ring-gai	Towradgi Park

GROUP B

Sutherland	v	C/town City	Bates Drive
Polonia	v	Macarthur	Chopin Park
Manly	v	Uruguay/Aub.	Cromer Park
Bankstown	v	Nth Bankstown	Thurina Park
Rockdale	v	Avala	Tempe Res.
Canterbury	v	Croatia	Punchbowl No.1
Yugal	v	Blacktown	Jellicoe Park



NEWCASTLE SNEAKS HOME

GOALS from Newcastle's Craig Penfold and Scott Harrison upset Wollongong Macedonia at Berkeley Sports Ground on Sunday.

Playing in a wind which proved upsetting to the players, the home side was unlucky to lose.

In fact it was a gust of wind that upset Macedonia goalkeeper Peter Terzoovski when Harrison scored midway in the second session.

And striker Bruce Tilt had one saved by the crossbar in injury time.

Macedonia coach John Fraw certainly felt that his team deserved a draw, especially as they had the better of play as the game drew to a close.

Newcastle used the experience of veteran Bob Mountford to marshall the defence.

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State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEKS MATCHES

SATURDAY 21st MARCH STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE		
Newcastle Rosebud	Vs Blacktown City	Adamstown Oval
Inter Monaro	Vs Manly Warringah	Marco Polo Gd

2ND DIVISION		
Kingsford Hellenic	Vs SSC Yugal	Kensington Pk
Avala	Vs Fairy Meadow	Knight Park

3RD DIVISION		
Nth Ryde RSL	Vs Mt Druitt Town	Magdala Park
Bondi Marine	Vs Port Hacking	Waverley Oval

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE		
Ku-ring-gai	Vs Uruguayan Auburn	Valentine Pk
Wollongong City	Vs Rockdale Ilinden	Wollongong S/G
Sutherland	Vs Wollongong Mac.	Seymour Shaw
Melita Eagles	Vs Canberra City	Melita Stad.
Warringah F/Water	Vs Cant. M'ville Oly.	Narrabeen F/C

2ND DIVISION		
Campbelltown City	Vs Dee Why Swans	Lynwood Park
Sydney Maccabi	Vs Queens Park	TBA
Bathurst 75	Vs Gladesville	Proctor Park
Nth Bankstown	Vs Polonia	Potts Park
Blacktown United	Vs Nth Sydney Art.	Francis Park

3RD DIVISION		
Moorebank L'pool	Vs Baulkham Hills	Hammondville Pk
Canterbury Dist.	Vs West United	Blick Oval
Granville Chile	Vs Uni. of NSW	Garside Park
Rooty Hill	Vs Campbelltown Dist.	Cawarra Park
Concordia	Vs King Tomislav	Arlington Oval

ATTENTION:

Inter Monaro Vs Manly Warringah kick off time 1st Grade is at 2.45pm.

State Bank

VICTORIA'S BUFFALO GOLD CUP 1987

MELBOURNE CROATIA WINS CUP AND THROWS DOWN THE GAUNTLET

MELBOURNE Croatia cast a magic spell over a 13000 plus crowd under lights at Olympic Park on Saturday night, as it crushed South Melbourne Hellas 2-0 in the 1987 Buffalo Gold Cup final.

Croatia's systematic second half destruction of Hellas swept the club to its second successive Buffalo Cup win.

This spelt out a warning to 13 other NSL clubs.

Joint competition topscorer Paul Lewis broke the scoreless half-time deadlock in the 54th minute as Hellas tormentor Josip Biskic robbed South Melbourne's Danny Crainie to send Alan Scott clear on the left.

Scott's deftly struck centre found the elusive Lewis in the box and he angled the ball neatly past Peter Laumets.

Fast-breaking Melbourne Croatia delighted

BY GREG BLAKE

its supporters 11 minutes from time when Biskic put the Reds 2-0 ahead with a spectacular drive as he hammered home a rebound from a Jim MacLean shot blocked off the line.

The rampaging Reds were denied a third goal when a Lewis run was brought to a halt by Laumets in the penalty area as the pair clashed, but referee Stuart Mellings ignored claims for a penalty.

New look Melbourne Croatia's win was most emphatic against pre-match favourite South Melbourne, and a tribute

to coach Terry Hennessey, who has moulded his new squad into a fearsome combination in double-quick time.

The club's pre-season build-up must strike fear into the rest of the NSL when one considers Hennessey could not find a place in his team for \$15000 signing Alan Scott, who started the match on the bench.

\$1,800,000 man Ian Wallace is expected to join Melbourne Croatia within a fortnight as is Partick Thistle midfielder Willie Herd, to further add to the Melbourne club's awesome firepower.

Melbourne Croatia president Jack Skoblar promised last week that his returning of the gleaming Buffalo Cup trophy to Soccer House was only temporary.

That was never in doubt after halftime on Saturday evening as Croatia took apart the strangely disjointed Hellas eleven.

"I'm tremendously happy and I felt the boys played really well," a beaming Hennessey said after the game.

"Our defence was excellent (Croatia only conceded a single goal during the competition) and we caught South Melbourne on the break a number of times in the second half.

"We've still got some work to do yet but the atmosphere at the club is great and we are looking forward to the start of the season."

Disconsolate Hellas coach Brian Garvie conceded his team had fallen to a better one on the night.

"Their first goal was important in that after we went behind we had to leave ourselves open to come forward," Garvie explained.

"After all it was a Cup final and we did have to try to get the goal back."

Despite losing midfielder Jim Campbell with a recurring back injury within the first quarter hour, Melbourne

GAUNTLET



ROBBIE DUNN

Croatia hardly faltered on the night.

In man of the match Robbie Dunn, Croatia had a tower of strength in defence, and was rarely troubled by out of touch South Melbourne.

Skipper George Hannah, the tormentor Biskic, and young midfielder Mark Talajic shone for Melbourne Croatia in a sparkling final.

Hellas, which surprisingly left Stuart Stevenson and Paul Wade on the bench to start the game, was best served by George Kalogeros and Angie Postecoglou.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, McIntosh, Dunn, Hannah, Davidson, Biskic, Campbell (Scott 14m), MacLean, Talajic, Lemezina (Humble 82), Lewis.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Anazakis (P.Wade 66m), Blair, Postecoglou, Kalogeros (Andriotis 84m), Miranda, McDowell, Crainie, Egan, Wright (Stevenson 69m).

Crowd: 13000. Referee: S.Mellings.



STEVE BLAIR... South Melbourne.

FRANKSTON SNEAKS IN BUT MARYBYRNONG TOP

A VASTLY improved Northcote City went down to an unimpressive Frankston Pines in their second round State League clash at John Cain Reserve.

Juan Torro, the Northcote supremo, made some very interesting positional moves compared to the previous week's line-up.

He pushed Phil Dimitaris and Chris Beckiaris into the forward line and moved big Jim Small into midfield to accommodate the inclusion of sweeper George Bozikis.

These changes allowed Northcote to move from defence through midfield and into attack with ease and with some very attractive skill.

So what went wrong? Northcote's inability to finish the good work that was created was the problem.

Peter Konstantinou, affectionately referred to as 'Maradona' by supporters, lacked the killer instinct that Diego possesses.

He should have had Northcote 1-0 up early on when he decided to try and chip Frankston keeper Rick Jensen whilst unopposed in the six yard area.

Dimitaris also was unlucky when Jensen again saved a well-placed header and Beckiaris, with the keeper to beat, missed the target.

Frankston's dogmatic attitude though, allowed them to get the ball forward through Craig Miller, who squared for Richie Armstrong to fire home Hennessey to fire home Frankston's first.

Although 1-0 down at halftime, Northcote's task did not seem difficult.

The team played all over their opponents in the first half and continued to do so in the second.

It was not long before Ken Drakeford turned the Frankston defence inside out and found themselves on the receiving end of a penalty, from which Beckiaris scored for an equaliser.

Northcote put Frankston under immense pressure from here on and it was to Peter Thurlow's and Marty Bozik's credit that Frankston did not wither.

It seemed that that little thing called luck was against Northcote, not only in front of goals but also in defence.

George Bozikas brought down Armstrong in controversial circumstances, resulting in a penalty which Buchanan converted to put Frankston ahead, inevitably giving Frankston the two points.

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NORTHCOTE: Turudia, Leonardos, Bozikas, Hatiniotis, J.Konstantinou, Beckiaris, Small, Jymnopoulos, Drakeford, Dimitaris, P.Konstantinou (Romero).

FRANKSTON: Jensen, Cumming (Buchanan), Thurlow, Bozik, Park, Richardson (Rust), Ferris, Hodgson, Miller, Hennessey, Armstrong.

The Unexpected

Round 2 showed a predictable insight into what will be an unpredictable season.

Apart from Frankston's unexpected win against Northcote, Oakleigh impressed with a solid showing that salvaged their first point against the more fancied Fawkner.

Broadmeadows looks like giving a few teams a real push this season after making Green Gully work all the way for their 2-1 victory.

Again Zemanick was on the scorers' sheet and shows he has fitted in well with the former NSL team.

Western Suburbs had an amazing 2-0 victory against Morwell Falcons at Morwell, which is not the happiest of hunting grounds for teams travelling to the Valley.

Yet Suburbs held out the strong Falcons outfit and with Minh, the new Vietnamese signing, Suburbs took both points.

Caulfield shocked Springvale 2-1 and again the pattern has followed that sides who have gone shopping for big names are being let down by the same players.

Caulfield, a young determined combination, looks set to have a good season. Unlucky last round, this week Caulfield accounted easily for Springvale, an early favourite for the title.

Croydon and St Albans played an expected top game, with Jim Tansey's side slightly the better but they were unable to finish the good work with goals.

The evergreen Graham French salvaged a point for Croydon, while Branko Culina, the 1985 Rothmans Gold medalist, performed well for St Albans.

Big improvers Polonia gave Box Hill their second defeat in what was a close, entertaining game.

Warszawski scored twice and now heads the goalscorer's list. Box Hill on the other hand have problems in their forward line.

The AIS is quietly going its merry way, building a strong reputation. This week Thomastown felt the brunt of some exciting Soccer and went down 1-0.

—PHIL DIAMATARIS



MAN OF MATCH Robbie Dunn in Australia's colours with Zarko Odzakovic, Eddie Thompson and physiotherapist Pedro Ruz.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrong	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Green Gully	2	2	0	0	4	2	4
St Albans	2	1	1	0	5	2	3
Fawkner	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Frankston	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Broadmeadows	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Caulfield	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Thomastown	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Western Suburbs	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Springvale	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Croydon	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Oakleigh	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Box Hill	2	0	0	2	1	2	0
Morwell	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Northcote	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

SCORERS

Warszawski (Polonia)	3	Morovic (St Albans)	2
Runje (St Albans)	2	Zemanick (G. Gully)	2
		Cozella (Fawkner)	2

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STATE LEAGUE RESULTS ROUND 2

Northcote City 1 (Beckiaris), Frankston Pines 2 (Hennessey, Buchanan). Morwell 0, Western Suburbs 2 (McCluskey, Tuck). Oakleigh 1, (Gourlias), Fawkner 1 (Cozella). Caulfield 2 (Bitsonis, Xinas), Springvale 1 (House). Croydon 1 (French), St Albans 1 (Lazini). Green Gully 3 (Zemanick, Cannell, McCarthy), Broadmeadows 2 (P. Kadesky, S. Kadesky). Thomastown 0, AIS 1 (Nikolic). Polonia 2 (Warszawski 2), Box Hill 1 (Roodhouse).



WILL MELBOURNE CROATIA SCOOP WEST END POOL

ASKS GREG BLAKE

PRE-SEASON form is notorious for throwing up several potential world-beating teams before the opening of the league season. More often than not these 'March champions' have fallen by the wayside by the time the season proper reaches April or May.

Teams that tear in to the pre-season competition often flounder soon



IAN WALLACE — scoop signing.

afterward.

In the history of the Buffalo Gold Cup in Victoria (formerly the Ampol Cup) only one team has gone on to the win NSL honours in the same cup-winning season.

And that team was the all-conquering South Melbourne Hellas of 1984, a team of exceptional quality.

The best example of the 'March champions' syndrome was witnessed just 12 months ago when Melbourne Croatia crushed all-comers to take the night honours.

Undefeated in the 1986 series, Melbourne Croatia crowned their efforts under lights by beating Heidelberg 2-1 at Olympic Park in front of 10,000 plus fans.

Just a week later the seemingly super fast, super fit and exceptionally talented red machine came from behind to beat Sydney Croatia 3-1, again at Olympic Park in the Ansett Challenge Shield game.

Well over 8,000 fans at the ground that Sunday had Melbourne Croatia pencilled in for a certain top five berth and probably a championship.

Coached by Miron Bleiberg the squad used in those two games was: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Biskic, Campbell, Bonacic, Ljubic, Gojevic, Talajic, Ward and

Todoric.

It was a team, we were sure, full of ability and with the quality to take the Southern Division by storm.

Within weeks the club was shattered.

An early run of outs set the pattern for the season and not only did Melbourne Croatia not make the top five, it finally ended the season fighting for its NSL life.

Bleiberg lost his job, Gary Ward was transferred to West Adelaide, the three visa players, Bonacic, Todoric and Ljubic, weren't the saviours the club and fans expected them to be.

The season simply fell apart and it was only the late return to Terry Hennessey as coach and some timely goals by mid-season import Laurie Abrahams that save the famous club from sinking back to the Victorian State League competition.

Moving

Twelve months later and Melbourne Croatia is seemingly on a roll once again and at the time of going to press had won five and drawn one of six Buffalo Gold Cup games in fine style.

This time around they're in the final again, this time against re-built South Melbourne Hellas.

A victory last Sunday would do much to

appease the club's huge army of supporters but such is the nature of the beast that a pre-season cup win can only be of small compensation for a disappointing 1986.

Melbourne Croatia supporters demand much of their team and 1987 must bring some long hungered for league success.

Especially after the comings and goings of this summer which have seen an almost total personnel change at the cost of what amounts to a pretty penny indeed.

Gone from just 12 months ago, apart from Bleiberg and Ward, are Steve Gojevic, Drago Deankovic, Davor Todoric, Ante Ljubic, Luca Bonacic, Tony Curcio, Robert Markovac and Abrahams, while Tony Redmond has been transfer listed.

It's been all change at Melbourne Croatia over the summer months and this time the supporters are demanding results.

Former Socceroo star and ex-Preston Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton has joined the club as

assistant to Hennessey, adding to a list of at least eight new players at the club in 1987.

Ability

The icing on the cake was the announcement last week that Melbourne Croatia had signed former million dollar man Ian Wallace from Portuguese club Maritimo.

Wallace, the flame-haired former Scottish international, was valued at over £1.5 million when Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough signed him from Coventry City seven years ago.

Wallace has also seen service with Dumbarton, Franch club Brest and Sunderland. Another prize signature was that of Patrick Thistle midfielder Willie Herd.

Former Rothmans Medal winner Jim McLean has joined from Croydon City along with that club's leading goalscorer from 1986, Andy Humble.

Lanky Socceroo Robbie Dunn was signed from ill-fated West Adelaide Hellas for some

\$23,000 and former South Melbourne Hellas great Alan Davidson, after standing out of the game for six months, has been bought for \$22,000.

The club is determined to snare former West Adelaide star Alan Scott who is now living in Melbourne, whilst Tony Lemezina has joined from ACT club Croatia Deakin.

Melbourne Croatia's massive recruiting drive, already costing over \$100,000, is not yet over if gossip is to be believed.

Either way the pressure is on the club to produce now as it has never done before, so justifying the massive spending spree.

The signs are there that Melbourne Croatia will be a force to be reckoned with in 1987 — but that's what we said twelve months ago.

The tension is already building up to the club's first game of the league season on March 29.

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CHIT CHAT – Behind the scene at your club

NEIL McGachey, captain of Adelaide Hellas when it won the National League title, then deposed coach last year, is back on the field.

But its as an over 35 and organiser of a team, which will, he hopes, go to the Gold Coast in October to compete in the Golden Oldies tournament which will feature the England World Cup winning team of 1966 and the Socceroos from 1974.

He has drawn up an impressive list, including former team-mates Billy Birch, Ted de Lyster, Nick Pantelis, Dave Graeme Norris, Sam Service, Pillans, Peter Jaksa, Barry Reynolds, John Irwin, Richard Yeeles and Roy Burdett.

Other SA veterans in the provisional squad are Johnny Perin, Johnny Nyskohus, Uros Zivkovic, Zoran Matic, Henry Kolecki, Mario Corti, Tommy Preston, Jimbo Muir, John Besir, Frank Lister and Tom Forde as manager-coach.

One player certain to be captain, and the fittest, is Bussy Nyskohus, current captain at 36 of Australian NSL champions Adelaide City.

ADRIAN ALSTON, the former Socceroo who excelled in Britain and America as well as Australia, is now Sports and Recreation Officer with the Illawarra Disabled Trust. Naturally Soccer and Indoor Soccer are sports that he is keenly fostering.



INTERESTING sidelight to the visit by NZ's Masport Mount Wellington to play Australian champion Adelaide City.

The SA regional manager for Masport is Max Davis, a dinkum Kiwi who played for New Zealand in the 1974 World Cup campaign.

Little did he think then that one day he would be in Australia watching New Zealand's champions in action.

MIKE HOLLIFIELD, who has had over 100 games in English League football, is settling in with Wollongong City.

The Wolves needed a central defender to replace Ray Vilestra when he was transferred to Sydney Croatia.

Dennis Booth, whom club coach John Fleming used to play alongside, is assistant manager with Hull City.

He recommended Hollifield, 25, who has been a professional with Wolverhampton, Hull City and Tranmere Rovers.

BUGSY NYSKOHUS

WOLLONGONG CITY chairman Lawrie Kelly has decided to retire from the political scene. But he does not propose to move out until the State elections due by the middle of next year.

In the meantime he intends to remain as Speaker of the NSW House and, of course, member for Corrimall.

By staying in the chair until next April he will achieve the record of being the longest continually serving Speaker in the state's history.

Strangely enough

he is the only member ever to represent the north Wollongong seat of Corrimall. He entered parliament when the constituency was created in 1968. It will become Keira, with extended boundaries, next year.

Lawrie Kelly hopes that retirement will lead to new challenges — and more time to be spent with his wife Rhonda and the family.

Wollongong City Soccer Club hopes to see him on the job with them for many years to come.

WE can't say that relations between Adelaide City and Adelaide Hellas are as cordial as they were when Hellas was in the National League.

Main reason is that City has just plundered a star player who has been training with their traditional rivals — ballwizard Lemmy Vatsilas.

Having contract trouble with Adelaide Croatia, Vatsilas joined the Hellas training squad, but with the National League on his mind, signed up for City when the offer came along.

But coach Zoran Matic is calm about the furore.

"Vatsilas wanted national Soccer and we were able to give it to him" he said.

"We are also desperate for young experienced players, and he is one of the answers to our problems."

"We are still looking for more talent."

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LET's set the record straight...

Croatia's well-known and popular ground announcer Vicki is NOT the full-time club secretary but is secretary to Mr Tony Basic, the club president.

However she puts in a heap of time working for the club...

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TWO oldtime footballers on the South Coast recently passed away. They were Bob Kelso, 81, and Edwin "Sonny" Love.

Kelso, a defender, was born in Scotland and achieved two junior caps before he arrived here.

His clubs included Corrimall, Lysaghts and Leichhardt.

Love finished his Soccer career in the war years, thus missing many chances to play international football for Australia.

Old timers will remember many of his contemporaries, including John Shand, Jim Cunningham, Sid Newton, Jimmy Richardson, George Ruskin and Jimmy Phillips.

With Woonona he had oversight of brilliant winger Charlie Stewart.

And he was one of the first organisers of the now famous Illawarra Schoolboys Soccer Gala days.

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THERE was smiles all round when Bruce Stowell named his Queensland squad to play Fiji last week. Included in the 17 were Mark Brusasco and Mark Gilbert. They are the sons of QSF President Ian Brusasco and QSF assistant secretary Jim Gilbert.

ALAN Scott's proposed transfer from West Adelaide Hellas to Melbourne Croatia is likely to be completed in a round-about fashion.

West Ad asked for \$25,000 for his transfer when Melbourne Croatia originally came in for Scott — a fee the Melbourne club refused to pay.

Scott has now lodged papers with Victorian Soccer Federation to buy out his \$2,500 transfer from the Adelaide club to Melbourne State League outfit St Albans.

The terms of his contract stipulate that the \$2,500 fee is the maximum if Scott transfers to a State League club.

This would leave the way open for Melbourne Croatia to negotiate a transfer for the player from St Albans — a club which has had close links with Melbourne Croatia for many years.

The South Australian Soccer Federation is against the move but VSF executive director George Wallace has said he believes that if the case was tested in court Scott would win his transfer.

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EARLY season form isn't always the best guide to the new season but Melbourne's Buffalo Gold Cup competition has shown up some names to watch in 1987.

Former State Leaguer Nick Van Egmond has been in outstanding form for Preston Makedonia in the night series.

In his second year with the club Van Egmond's night series awas highlighted by a super hat-trick against Franskton Pines.

Heidelberg's new strike force of Andy Deeley and Laurie McKinna looks a potential lethal weapon for the new campaign.

McKinna, from State League club Box Hill, has teamed up well with Deeley, who was signed in the close-season from New Zealand club Gisborne City.

Footscray's goalkeeping replacement for Zoran Nikitovic, Zoran Vlainic, has impressed with some spectacular goalkeeping in early games.

And the youngster everyone has been talking about, youth international Paul Trimboli, looks set to star with Sunshine George Cross in the new campaign.

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CRAIG Johnston's decision to make himself available for the Socceroos hasn't been greeted well in Melbourne.

After Johnston's decision was made public a number of Melbourne journalists took to the young Liverpool star with some venom, accusing him of being mercenary and an England and Scotland reject.

Not one mentioned the fact that the Liverpool dynamo had 'made it' on his own.

None mentioned that Johnston is, after all, a professional and entitled, like all of us, to make an attempt to make it to the top of his trade.

And none mentioned that, despite everything, Johnston's class and experience will be an invaluable asset in our 1990 World Cup campaign.

TASMANIAN BRIEFS: Ulverstone Soccer Club was the host for an ASF Level 3 coaching course in early February staffed by Ken Morton and Alan Vest.

Honeychurch Insurance Brokers are again continuing their support of Soccer in Northern Tasmania by sponsoring the NTSA's premier competition, the Northern State League.

There has been a name-change to one of the oldest teams in the Northern State League — exit Croatia, enter Launceston City.

The new headquarters of the Northern Tasmanian Soccer Association at Ogilvie Park, Launceston, will be opened on March 20, and then shared between the NTSA, Northern Tasmanian Softball Association, Northern Tasmanian Primary Soccer Association and Matric Soccer Club.

Englishman Nick Scott has returned to play for Launceston Juventus, the team that he last played with in goals in 1979.

JOHN McKIE, the former St George striker, could be joining Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

The dynamic little Scottish striker is a direct runner with immense experience.

MELBOURNE Croatia's giant spending spree will have stern test of its worth very early on in proceedings when the West End NSL kicks off.

In a clash that will be as much for prestige as it will for league points Melbourne Croatia faces up to Sydney Croatia in the very first round of the season on March 29.

And whilst Melbourne Croatia is flying high at this early stage a defeat in that vital game in Sydney will have the club's white-ant brigade out in force.



SUNSHINE George Cross has now completed an enviable quadrella with the signing of former Melbourne Croatia star Robert Markovac.

Markovac, regarded in Melbourne as the most promising youngster around two years ago, joins Paul Trimboli, John Markovski and Andrew Marth to complete a fearsome young foursome at the club.

Trimboli's pedigree has been well documented recently whilst Markovski, although being bought along slowly by George Cross coach John Gardiner, was quite outstanding in his rare first team appearances last season.

If anyone is a good judge of a player it must be former long-serving Socceroo and current George Cross assistant coach Jimmy Rooney.

Rooney believes Andrew Marth could be one of the finds of the season and if he lives up to expectations he should take over a full-back berth in the first team.

WEE Charlie Egan, two years ago the most feared striker in the country, is back in business in a big way.

The little South Melbourne Hellas dynamo has been back at his sharp-shooting best in the Melbourne pre-season night competition and is set to finish as Buffalo Gold Cup top goalscorer.

Egan's poor return of just five league goals last season was his poorest in five NSL seasons.

BRUNSWICK Juventus may have lost elegant midfielder Mike Peterson to Ajax of Amsterdam but the club might have a ready-made replacement on hand.

After a season with the AIS Juventus have regained the services of youngster Anthony Grbac and if this talented young man kicks on his future is assured.

Not only does Grbac resemble Peterson, he also shows the same cool and calm manner and the same delightful touch as the former Socceroo now with the famous Dutch club.

REFEREES in the West End Soccer League this year will receive \$150, with linesman \$60. The comparable NSW State League rate is \$75 and \$40.

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation officials are confident their South Pacific tournament will outshine and outlast the trans-Tasman matches played this year by NSL clubs.

Queensland will play in a four-team tournament in Auckland which also includes the local representative side and teams from New Caledonia and Tahiti. And, already teams from other Island nations are keen to be involved next year when the tournament will be staged in Brisbane.

"The NSL might be basing their games on a European Cup style concept but our tournament has the potential to be more like a European championship with wider appeal and prestige," one QSF official said.

PETER RASKO-POULOS had his jeans stolen from the dressing rooms at St George Stadium last Wednesday.

After fulltime, Rasko got his jeans back but minus his keys and money.

FORMER Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Wayne Evans is back on the park after an unlucky start with his new club Brisbane City. Evans badly sprained his finger and split the webbing only five minutes into his debut game for the Spencer Park side.

The injury kept him on the sidelines for three weeks. But Evans was given a vote of confidence when named in this week's Queensland squad for the Fiji Tests. He now faces a battle for his club position with Stu Woodruffe, another former State keeper signed by City this year.

ALAN Davidson, the former golden boy of Melbourne Soccer, is set for a return to Socceroo duty.

Davidson has been in sparkling form for his new club Melbourne Croatia in the Buffalo Cup series and his efforts have not gone un-noticed by the national team hierarchy.

National team boss Frank Arok and Melbourne assistant John Margaritis were both on hand to witness Davidson's display in the semi finals against Heidelberg.

Arok said after the game that Davidson, out of action since returning from a stint with Nottingham Forest last year, would be recalled now that he had regained his touch after the layoff.

ASW'S FLASHBACK MAGIC

FLASHBACK TO 1983



TODAY's picture features Peter Katholos on the ball in the scoreless draw against England at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1983.

Katholos, discarded by Sydney Olympic, has just been signed by APIA-Leichhardt as an offensive midfielder. He is looking for big things this season.

He spent sometime in Greece with Larissa and knows what top Soccer is all about.

Hitting the deck as the referee waves on play in Russell Osmond. England's John Gregory comes in at left, hotly pursued by that solid campaigner for Australia, Jimmy Cant.

Scores in the match series were 1-0 to England in Brisbane, 1-1 in Adelaide and 0-0 in Sydney.



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT



THE AIS

THE Australian Institute of Sport Soccer involvement has been one of the outstanding games for the code over recent years.

It has resulted in a constant supply of players coming from cities and towns all over Australia to apply themselves to Soccer skills and the improvement of their education.

The stream has continued on to reinforce the major clubs, the Young Socceroo and then the National team.

Players have learnt from coaches Jim Shoulder and Ron Smith, although it should be noted that many have had the groundwork laid in their original clubs and in state and junior representative teams.

There has been a welcome tendency to being players into the Institute from states and regions which have not the coaching expertise available in the main cities.

NAME: David Mower
AGE: 19
D.O.B. 17/11/67
HEIGHT: 188cm
WEIGHT: 78kg
POSITION: Goalkeeper
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Albury City, Canberra City
STATE: N.S.W.
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: —
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: AIS Scholarship 1986

David has improved his goalkeeping skills considerably since starting his scholarship at the Institute and last year made two appearances for the National Youth team against Czechoslovakia. He is a big agile lad who will be trying to secure a place in the youth squad for the finals in Chile this year.



THE AIS SQUAD 1987

THE RUN DOWN ON THE AIS

THE list of highly talented youngsters who have furthered their Soccer careers at the Australian Institute of Sport is a long one indeed.

And it is continuing to grow.

They are drawn from all over Australia.

Looking at the current group, Jason Polak and John Koch are Queenslanders — co-incidentally from the same junior club.

The Foster boys — Paul and Craig — came from just over the NSW border, from the village of Goonellabah near the city of Lismore.

Goalkeeper Peter Gunning is a Lake Macquarie product from the Newcastle district, whilst Doug Marcina hails from Canberra.

David Healy is a Victorian, and Tasmania is again represented with David Clarkson.

The squad stretches as far as Perth in the persons of Alan Riddell, Alex Cummings and capable striker Dean Nicolaou.

Many of them will be representing Australia in the World Youth Cup in Chile in October.

In further weeks we will be continuing our series on these talented stars of the future.



NAME: Alistair Edwards
AGE: 18
D.O.B. 21/6/69
HEIGHT: 187cm
WEIGHT: 76kg
POSITION: Striker/Midfield
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Kwinana Utd
STATE: W.A.
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: U/13 to Youth
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: Matches v Czechoslovakia and Oceania qualifying series
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: Won ANZ Sport Scholarship in 1986

Alistair is a tall lean striker with a nose for goal. For a big lad he has excellent control and dribbling skills. A first class attitude and exceptional fitness makes Alistair a player to watch for the future. Alistair has played for the National Youth Team and is keen to retain his place in the squad for the Youth World Cup finals to be played in Chile later this year.



NAME: Ron Smith
POSITION: Head Coach
AGE: 37
D.O.B. 5/5/49
PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Tottenham Hotspur Youth, Borough Road College & British Colleges, Kingstonian F.C., South Hall F.C., South Melbourne Hellas.
COACHING EXPERIENCE: State Director of Coaching — Victoria 1975-78. Assistant National Coach 1976-77. State Coach 1977. IBK Keflavik — Iceland 1979. State Director of Coaching — Queensland 1980-82. State Coach 1980-82. Assistant Coach AIS 1982-87. Head Coach 1987.
COACHING QUALIFICATIONS: F.A. Coach (Full Badge), F.A. Coaching Licence, F.I.F.A. Instructor, A.S.F. Staff Coach.
EDUCATION: Bachelor of Education — Physical Education.



NAME: Dean Nicolaou
AGE: 17
D.O.B. 11/1/70
HEIGHT: 172cm
WEIGHT: 62kg
POSITION: Striker
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Inglewood Kiev
STATE: W.A.
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: U/13 to Youth
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Student
OTHER: —

A natural left footer from W.A. who is comfortable playing out wide or up front. Dean is a slightly built player who has good skills and a knack of scoring goals.

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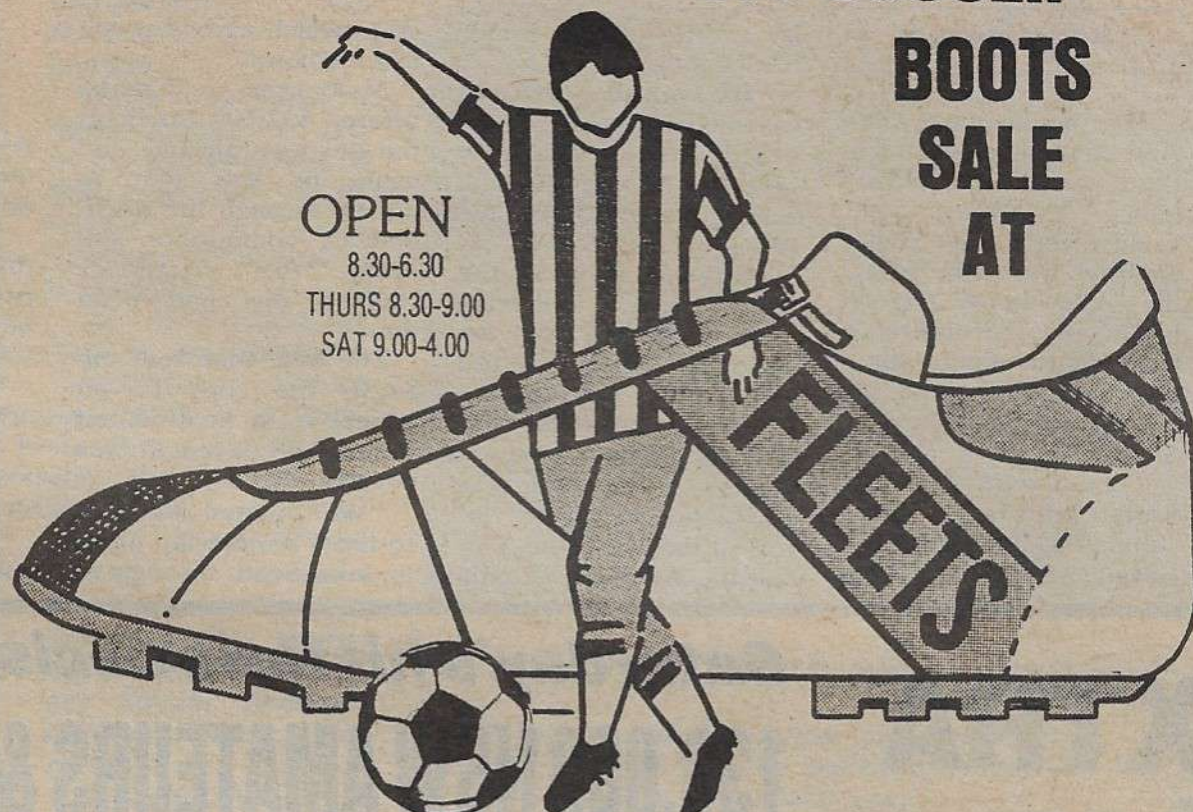
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SYDNEY CROATIA V MARCONI

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SYDNEY CROATIA V APIA

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

GLOVES OFF IN CONTINUING BATTLE FOR THE SERVICES OF ALAN SCOTT

ALAN SCOTT

THE Alan Scott farce has again highlighted the loop-holed contracts and signing-on forms in Australian Soccer.

The Adelaide Hellas player had a \$25,000 transfer fee on his head when he asked to join Melbourne Croatia in the West End National League.

There was also a \$2,500 fee if he joined any State League club.

Scott's latest move is to appeal through the VSF to buy out the \$2,500 contract so he can join Victorian State League club St Albans who, in turn, will release him to Croatia.

The SA Soccer

Federation claims this is illegal, while the VSF has stated it is not, as there is nothing in the contract which prevents Scott moving from the State League to the National League.

Hellas disagree, and point out they had a similar experience with Soceroo Robbie Dunn.

The big defender wanted to leave Hellas and join State League club Azzurri, but his contract stipulated he must return to his home State, Perth, for a nominal fee.

BY TOM MCKAIN

This he did, but then Azzurri bought him from Perth and even played him.

However, the Hellas contract was upheld and the ASF ruled Azzurri had to pay the difference between the figure for a return to Perth, and the higher fee if he joined an SA club.

"The contract with Scott is similar, only stipulating a National League team," said Hel-

las president, Mr Frank Karagiannis.

"We won that case and we will win this one."

Scott had originally been told to appeal against the \$25,000 fee through the SASF, as Hellas was back in the State League following their relegation from the national competition last year.

Instead, he went to a solicitor, which meant weeks of fruitless negotiations which involved the NSL, the VSF and the Adelaide Croatia

club, which agreed to act as a mediator.

Melbourne Croatia offered \$12,000 for Scott but this was rejected, and again he was told to appeal through the SASF appeals committee, and again the Victorians claimed this had been done.

The VSF then sent the SASF the copy of an appeal from Scott dated January 26 — but it was not signed!

"We pointed this out to the VSF and the move to take Scott through St-

Albans was then initiated," said SASF secretary, Mr Peter Nikolich.

"If Scott had gone through our channels from the start he would be playing now for Croatia."

"The first we saw of any appeal was the copy of the one we were supposed to have received but never did."

Scott's transfer request to St Albans was on

the way to the ASF as we went to press, but even if the ruling body lets it through, it must still be cleared by the SASF.

And the latter claims it will fight the case in support of Hellas.

It seems that after years of contract wrangles Soccer still finds it impossible to come up with a full proof system which protects the players as well as the clubs.

AD CITY IN EXTRA TIME IN FIRST EVER PACIFIC CHAMPIONS CUP

BY TOM MCKAIN

AUSTRALIAN champions Adelaide City emerged as winners of the Qantas Pacific Champions Cup on Sunday but it took them into penalties to beat the Kiwi League champions, Masport Mt Wellington, 4-1 after a 1-1 draw in the 90 minutes official time.

The penalty shoot out came as a surprise to the spectators and players.

They had expected to play extra time but because of direct TV commitments the match had to finish as early as possible after the regulation time span.

The 31st heat did nothing for either team.

City had played and won the SA Ampol Cup Final on Wednesday night but this was no excuse for any fatigue as the New Zealanders claimed they had been on the field the previous Friday.

The Australian champions looked good in the first half and when Aurelio Vidmar scored in the 16th minute following a lead-up by Paul Wilde and Joe Mullen, it looked as if the Kiwis were in for a thrashing.

But in the 21st minute Dave Witteveen made it 1-1 following a mix-up between home defenders Neville Flounders and Paul Shillabeer.

Into the second half and the Mount came to life with Chris Riley outstanding in midfield, and Witteveen and Ricki Herbert worrying the life out of the home defence.

City Soceroo Sergio Melta and fringe player Joe Mullen worked their insides out but the expected thrust from Charlie Villani, Vidmar and Adrian Santrac came only in bursts, and the goals expected to kill off the Kiwis never came.

New signing Lenny Vatsilas, from Adelaide Croatia, took the field as a replacement for Santrac in the 73rd minute but while he showed lots of potential he failed to engineer a winning goal.

In the closing stages it was the Kiwis who turned on the pressure only to run up against home goalkeeper Willie McNally and the game went into a shoot-out.

First it was City's Bugsy Nyskohus who scored.

Mount's Ian Mason then hit the ball over the bar.

Melta made it 2-0 for City but Kiwi Chris Taylor scored and the tally was 2-1.

Flounders then counted for the home team and McNally saved from Mt Wellington Witteveen.

Up stepped Villani for City and he scored to give Australia another title.

ADELIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Nyskohus, Flounders, Tobin, Melta, Tantrac (Vatsilas 73), Villani, J. Mullen, Wilde, Vidmar. MT WELLINGTON: Baker, Taylor, Herbert, Adam, Garland, Mason, Armstrong (Debenham), Riley, Witteveen, Wright, De Jong. Referee: D. Campbell. Crowd: 2,300.



WILLIE McNALLY

Saturday's historic decision . . .

130,000 NSW AMATEURS & JUNIORS COMBINE

THE board of directors of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Ltd at its meeting on Saturday accepted an application for affiliation from the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

AMATEUR'S VIEW

North NSW now joins with Sydney, Riverina, Western and Southern NSW as branches of the NSWASF.

This decision to unify amateur and junior Soc-

cer under one banner in the state of NSW redresses a historical accident from a bygone era.

The 28,000 registered players in Northern NSW now link up with 100,000 players who currently make up the NSWASF.

The marketing and sponsorship potential of this decision heralds a bright future for the junior and amateur sec-

tion of the code.

Affiliation by Northern NSW provides a vehicle for its players to progress from state to national championships.

It also opens a way for the clubs in Northern NSW to participate in the various competitions conducted by the NSWASF Ltd.

The ambitious move to unify this section of the code directly tackles the sport's greatest weakness — that is fragmentation.

This display of leadership within the amateur

and junior sections of the code should be applauded and supported by people who wish to see the game progress.

The decision also falls into line with previous approaches by the NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation to recognise one state body.

Currently government grants in many areas have been split in two.

Hopefully this move will encourage other sections of the code in NSW to seek to unify their operations.

NORTH PRESSES ASF FOR PROTECTION

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation has been endeavouring to head off the move by its amateurs to become a branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

It will not officially approve the scheme, and has requested the Australian Soccer Federation to advise the NSW Soccer Federation and the Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation that it will not be approved.

The Northern NSW Amateurs regard "branches" as small groups of associations, whereas NSW Amateurs recognise large branches, viz Sydney, Western, Southern and Riverina.

Hence the Northern NSW Soccer Federation will invite amateur Soccer branches in their allocated area (North of the Hawkesbury River to the North West and North Coast of the state) to affiliate directly with them.

However it seems that the amateurs have already made their minds up and they are not expected to budge.

If the offer is accepted a new amateur organisation would be formed, but it is difficult to say that would occur.

The Northern NSWASF has been concerned over the intrusion of the Northern Federa-



DAVE WILLIAMS

tion into U13, 14 and 16 years Super Leagues.

They contended that other players would be disadvantaged in their opportunity to reach higher ranks.

There have been other points of contention in Northern NSW, but the Federation had thought that they were on the way to solution.

Dave Williams, the Northern NSWASF president said that his organisation had the responsibility of ensuring that players could represent the Northern NSW state.

VIEWPOINT

THE Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation appears to have gone up in the air over a series of relatively minor issues.

They mainly include the effect of the Northern NSW Federation running the U13, 14 and 16 years Super Leagues and the chances of boys from associations and branches winning positions in Northern NSW representative teams.

On the former point the main issue is the need to conduct such competitions. The answer must be in the affirmative to bring the cream of the youngsters through to senior clubs.

Inevitably the best of the boys will end up in the Super Leagues. Some mechanism would have to be continued to give other lads — including those away from the Hunter area — their opportunity to succeed.

However if there is a 'one state' complex, for NSW, many other benefits would accrue.

NSW has been blighted for too long by the division into 'NSW' and 'Northern NSW'.

This was an accident of history, arising from the original excessive



strength of Newcastle in the old NSW Soccer Football Association.

Migration forced the change but administrators and clubs were to blind to see the damage that was wrought by the division, apart from the then benefits.

Newcastle was left to languish and proper thought was not given to the overall Soccer needs of the State.

Whilst Rugby League conducts its inter divisional Caltex Cup and the Rugby Union its annual Country Carnival, Soccerdom is divided and impotent.

Under a full NSW set-up Newcastle would have similar controls today, but ASF contact would be through NSW.

The school situation is already one state, and other means could easily be devised to give juniors better competition to replace the "state" status.

It may well be that the amateur organisation pointed to the long road that will lead to huge and needed improvements to Soccer in the Mother State.

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

LION-HEARTED STATE TEAM FOR FIJI CLASH

ANY doubts that Lions were the strongest club in Queensland were removed when the club gained 10 players in the 17-man state squad to prepare for this month's two tests against Fiji at Perry Park.

FIJI ON SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Every regular in the club's side which has dominated the Queensland pre-season was named. But following several emphatic wins, including an 8-0 thumping of Olympic United, their selection was not surprising.

The Lions representation is three times more than any other club, with fellow former NSL-ers, Brisbane City, gaining the next best with three players.

Also as expected, coach Bruce Stowell stuck to the players who beat NSW 1-0 in the annual interstate clash last June.

The Queensland squad is: Rob Farrow, Keith Marsh, Frank Liddell, Russell Stewart, Alan Niven, Richard Bassingthwaite, John Stewart, John Ogden, Jim Morton, Brett Drury (all Lions), Marty Kirsopp (Mt Gravatt), Kieran Cooper, Frank Mengotti, Wayne Evans (Brisbane City), Dave Gallaher (North Star), Mark Brusasco (Coalstars), Mark Gilbert (Taringa Rovers).

The squad will be trimmed to 14 this week after two training runs.

While being largely predictable in its make-up the squad did represent overdue reward for a number of players. And it also highlighted Stowell's earlier stated tactics that he intended to go for big-men and strength against the robust Fijians.

Bassingthwaite, the former young Soccerroo, is a former state squad member but fell out of favor last year due to injury and loss of form. But he has been the most dynamic player so far in the local pre-season and was an automatic selection.

Drury finally looks to be fulfilling his potential and is the leading scorer in Brisbane. The former Rockhampton player was a member of the same National championship winning Queensland youth team which contained Frank Farina, Danny Wright, Alan Hunter, Steve Jackson and Russell Stewart.

While he always gave a wholehearted performance when called upon as a substitute for the Lions NSL team last year, Drury never really got among the goals. But so far this season he has been knocking them in from all angles.

Selection

Mark Brusasco is another who through circumstance has never really gained all the opportunities he deserved. The powerhouse striker was an unlucky omission from the 1979 Australian Youth team, but then gained National squad selection the following year for the Oceania cup in Noumea.

But what should have been a boost to his career turned sour as his absence cost him his place in the Brisbane City NSL team and he never regained a solid footing at the club.

He then moved on to a number of local clubs including Easts and Ipswich United but has spent the past two seasons at Coalstars. The big striker, the son of QSF President Ian Brusasco, is always chased at the beginning of each season by rival clubs and at 26 still looks to have plenty of football left.

Gallagher, the North Star keeper, is another rewarded for his efforts



ROB FARROW... in squad against Fiji.

as he has been the classiest looking player between the sticks in the XXXX pre-season competition.

The one selection which probably raised the most eyebrows was that of Taringa amateur Mark Gilbert. But the 22-year-old deserves his selection for his application and dedication since switching to Taringa from Grange Thistle two years ago.

Although not the most skilful of players, Gilbert has worked hard and was desperately unlucky not to win the Rothmans best

and first medal a year ago. Gilbert tallied the same points as winner Craig Low but lost on a countback of three pointers.

During the last off-season he turned a European holiday into a training experience when he organised a stint with English First Division club Nottingham Forest.

Gilbert trained with the clubs reserve and youth sides and played three games during his stay.

Queensland will play the Rudi Gutendorf-trained Fiji on Sunday, March 22 and Wednesday March 25. The tourists will play another game on the Gold Coast against a local representative side.

STEVE PERRY'S REDLANDS INCREASE THEIR DEPTH

REDLANDS United president Dick Karreman is sticking to vow that he would not let the newly promoted club be relegated back to the Second Division.

Karreman, a successful Bayside property developer, last week again whipped out his cheque book to secure two more experienced players for his Steve Perry-coached side.

Redlands' latest signings are former Brisbane City NSL player Bevan Bohan and former State youth team representative Richard Van Win.

Bohan was signed from Ipswich United where he transferred after a short stint at City and a long spell at Mount Gravatt. At Redlands he joins his brother Gary with whom he struck a formidable midfield-striker combination in their days at Mount Gravatt.

Van Win was signed from Lions where he was a key utility player although he never broke into the NSL side. The teenager now is faced with stepping down to the reserves side following

the return of the club's NSL players to its XXXX League team.

Bohan and Van Win join what is fast becoming an experienced looking Redlands side. The team also includes former Lions NSL winger Ron Millman and towering striker Barry Kelso who played for the Brisbane City and Lions NSL teams.

Perry also is playing at the back and the club is believed to be negotiating with former Brisbane City and Box Hill goalkeeper Robert Harrison.

Redlands were promoted to the XXXX League this year after an exhaustive investigation by the QSF management committee with needed to find a 12th team to avoid a bye in its XXXX League.

Redlands, who finished fifth in the second division last year, gained the nod ahead of Croatia, Sunnyside, Juventus and Wynnum.

Karreman clinched selection when he rallied the forces of their Bayside area and promised the management committee that the club "would not let them down".

ALL EYES ON THAT \$5000 PRIZEMONEY

QUEENSLAND Soccer champions Coalstars could thank minnows Taringa Rovers for them taking part in week's XXXX pre-season tournament quarter-finals.

Coalstars looked set to be a shock first round elimination after they were humiliated by Ian Kesson's well-drilled Taringa side, losing 3-0. Had Taringa's early season good form slumped and had they lost their remaining first round game against Easts, as many had predicted, then Coalstars were back to the training fields.

But Coalstars now owe Taringa one as the Rovers played a 2-2 draw with Easts, which eliminated the Tigers but allowed Coalstars to saddle up again.

Like much of the football so far in the tournament, the other quarter-finalists were predictable.

Lions and Redlands went through from Group A, North Star and Mount Gravatt from Group B, Brisbane City and Ipswich United from Group C and Coalstars and Taringa from Group D.

Last week's quarter-finals saw group winners

pitted against other group runners-up with the winners meeting in the semi-finals last Sunday. The XXXX final is this Wednesday.

On form Lions should reach the final and take the \$5000 prizemoney. But a host of clubs could all claim a chance of being the other finalist.

Lions, Coalstars, Ipswich United and North Star are all in the same half of the draw so on form the other should be eliminated if the Richlands side as expected reaches the final.

That means their opponents will be either Taringa, Brisbane City, Mount Gravatt or Redlands, and many were tipping Taringa to cause more surprises by reaching their first ever final.

Kesson has built a young side which relies more on guts than skill or reputations and the constant work rate of the youngsters often wins them more ball than would be expected.

With former Lions striker Calvin Daunt firing up front, and "magical" Phil Muley continuing to dazzle the opposition leaving defenders in a trance, the Rovers may just make the final.

On reputation, Brisbane City should be the side to match Lions in the final

VOGLER BACK AT IPSWICH

IPSWICH United striker Peter Vogler is fast becoming a star in another sport — baseball.

Voglar, the son of former Australian representative Brian "chooky" Vogler, was a member of the Queensland team which recently won the Claxton Shield, signifying Australian Baseball supremacy.

Vogler is one of the fastest players in Brisbane Soccer and has excellent finishing skills which always earn him a handsome goalscoring tally each season.

Vogler made his return to Soccer last week when he turned out for Ipswich United in its XXXX pre-season tournament quarter-final against North Star. But even though the Claxton Shield is now over, Vogler still has baseball commitments which will keep him out of Soccer until next week.

He is a star player in the Ipswich Musketeers side which has reached the local baseball finals.

Ipswich certainly could have used Volger on a regular basis in the pre-season. The side has been badly hit by injuries with Russell Beckwith and Randall McKeand set for lengthy spells on the sidelines.

THE following letter was received from Croatia Brisbane president Mr J. Ljustica, relative to our story of February 24.

As editor of the Australian Soccer Weekly, your personal contribution as well as that of the Australian Soccer Weekly has been greatly appreciated amongst followers throughout the country, and in particular, amongst Croats and their Soccer Clubs known everywhere as CROATIAN SOCCER CLUBS or "CROATIANS".

Therefore, on behalf of the management and the members, including the supporters of the Soccer Club "CROATIA BRISBANE", we ask you to publicly denounce the information received from the so-called spokeswoman and allow a space for the facts and no more fiction.

In your recent edition dated 24 February, 1987 on page 8 under the heading BRISBANE CROATIA'S CSR SPONSORSHIP, you have misrepresented our club, our management and our supporters. Our major sponsors, CSR, also feels that its name was improperly used as a heading for such an article, that had nothing to do with sponsorship.

The spokeswoman that you have quoted in your article has no authority to represent or to speak on behalf of the CROATIAN SOCCER

CLUB nor the CROATIAN COMMUNITY. Her unfounded comments made public in the above-mentioned article have caused great concern in particular. We feel that we have been misrepresented and so your article has had a damaging effect on our club.

Therefore, on behalf of the management and the members, including the supporters of the Soccer Club "CROATIA BRISBANE", we ask you to publicly denounce the information received from the so-called spokeswoman and allow a space for the facts and no more fiction.

The facts are that CROATIA BRISBANE, with its new name and valuable sponsors, such as our major sponsor, CSR GYROCK, and numerous other tradesmen and contractors have a sound financial base to begin the forthcoming season. We are aiming high, in fact, we are aiming for

CROATIA BRISBANE IN STRONG REPLY

the top. The Soccer players who are already committed to the club, and the ones who are still coming will be encouraged not only financially but also by our great Croatian generosity and our appreciation for good Soccer players.

We have only just begun to attract players and we are confident that we will be ready to show our full force by the beginning of the forthcoming season.

As far as property on which CROATIA'S homeground is situated, and on which the new clubhouse is currently being constructed — known as the "CROATIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE", we can assure you that the spokeswoman has totally and deliberately misled you, particularly in the paragraph, and I quote "SALE OF THE GROUND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SOCCER CLUB".

The Soccer Club is the backbone of the Croatian

community, and one of the owners and/or shareholders in the property concerned. Therefore, the Soccer club has also a major responsibility in the future and well-being of the Centre.

The Croatian Community will be awaiting your prompt reply with the great interest. If you wish to communicate in any way with our club representatives, please write to:

The President: Z Ljustica
The Manager: J Mudnic

Your prompt attention and public, as well as personal reply, will be appreciated.

[Thank you for your official advice. Obviously we will be loathe to take information (which we did accept in good faith) from such a source in future.

Naturally we look forward to news of the progress of your club in future, and expect that you will realise that we acted in good faith.— Ed]

The Nationwide Round-up



PORTSIDE'S DIV 2 AMBITIONS

ILLAWARRA LATEST

COACH Slavko Traicevski has every reason to feel confident his newly formed club, Portside, will win the Illawarra second division title this year.

BY PHIL MURPHY



SLAVKO TRAICEVSKI
... coaching lessons.

The high school teacher who spent many years with Wollongong Macedonia in Illawarra and later Sydney is having his first stint in coaching but has a lot of talent to work with.

He has recruited a number of former Macedonia players and has selected the right material for promotion.

Even though they are in the second division, Portside managed to reach the semi-finals of the \$1500 Corrimal League Club knockout.

In winning their qualifying games they showed they intend playing attractive football and should have no trouble drawing big crowds.

They eventually bowed out of the Leagues Club knockout when they lost 5-1 to Premier League side Cringila but Traicevski was more than happy with the outcome.

get the goals they need to succeed.

Darren Nees and John Gooding have been training with Figtree but can't get away from their old clubs.

Nees actually played on loan with Figtree from Fairy Meadow last season and was leading goalscorer.

Robaard said Fairy Meadow have put a transfer fee on Nees which Figtree can't afford so the player might have to sit out the season on the sideline.

He has made it clear he doesn't want to play with Fairy Meadow.

Gooding was with Aris last season but is one of many players to leave that club in recent months.

With Nees and Gooding in their attack Figtree would rate a good chance of making the semi-finals but without them they have to battle through a long, hard winter.

It would be unfortunate because the team have plenty of talent in their defence and midfield and goalkeeper Sean Billington is back at Graham Park after a spell with Wollongong City.

The surprise signing followed rumours that Bingham would play with Fairy Meadow Italia this year.

Bingham's experience in midfield will be a big asset to Warilla coach Eddie Mullan who says he and Bingham have been friends for a long time.

"I am very pleased to have him and I am tipping he will be one of the most significant signings in the league this year," Mullan said.

"Bingham is a very strong competitor and will lift the younger players around him once he settles in."

Bingham came to Australia in the early 70s to play with Safeway United and has been a prominent player and coach in the region since.

He has gained his staff coaching badge and wants to become involved in this aspect of the game this year.

"I am having a break from club coaching but want to stay involved in the job in as many capacities as I can this season," Bingham said.

"Alan Vest has promised to help me out as much as possible and I will probably be keener than ever to get back involved in coaching a club side in 1988."

One major loss for Warilla this year is midfielder John Diaz, injured in last season's final against Fernhill.

One of the most talented players in the league, Diaz recently

underwent a knee reconstruction operation and is unlikely to play this season.

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Allfab Tourney

The popular Allfab Shellharbour night series winds up on Thursday with the action at Barrack Heights Oval.

Second division Portside caused a surprise by holding Shellharbour to a 1-1 draw on the opening night with Port Kembla cruising home 3-0 against Aris.

It is a round robin affair with each team playing three games and the major slice of \$1000 prizemoney goes to the club on top of the table after Thursday night.

The draw for the last round is Port Kembla v Shellharbour and Portside v Aris.

Shellharbour spokesman Otto Bader says the series has again been very popular with supporters and gives players the chance of full-scale workouts under match conditions.

Campbells Coming

Wollongong Macedonia defender Andy Campbell is back on deck in the State League and simply refused to retire.

The tall centre-half was to have given the game away three years ago but keeps coming back to pre-season training.

His senior career dates back to 1970 when he played left fullback in a game for South Coast United in a match against Hakoah at Woonona Oval.

Since then he joined the RAAF and has had his share of success in inter-services Soccer.

A regular member of the NSW Services team, Campbell says he still enjoys his Soccer and is confident Macedonia can do a lot better than many people think this year.

Coach John Frew feels Campbell is still a key

man for Macedonia and his experience will be one of the key factors this season.

Tarra Talent

Tarrawanna under 19 player Lindsay Smidt has been successful at his other sport, cricket, during the summer.

The 17-year-old plays first grade cricket with Corrimal in the Illawarra competition and in the last game scored 132 in the game against Balgownie.

Unfortunately his team didn't qualify for the semi-finals but he is now back in full Soccer training.

Smidt is just one of many talented juniors to have come up through the ranks at Tarrawanna Oval in the last three seasons.

DER KAISER IN BIG NORTH COAST VISIT

NORTHERN NSW Director of Coaching Ken Kaiser will be holding coaching clinics in Taree, Coffs Harbour and Lismore during March and April.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

night of March 30.

ask Kaiser to arrange for a Level I coaching course to be held in April.

On March 30-31, Kaiser will have Australian international striker David Lowe as his demonstrator when a two-day seminar is held in conjunction with the Department of Sport and Recreation, in Coffs Harbour.

Kaiser and Lowe will spend two days at local schools and attend a 1-3 hour session on instruction for coaches on the

Kaiser's last venue in this phase of his 1987 programme will be Lismore, where he will stage a Level II coaching course at the CAE between April 23-26.

Further information about these courses may be obtained from Ken Kaiser, who is located at the Northern NSW Soccer Federation's headquarters, at Bryant St., Adamstown 2289.

The telephone number is 049-52 6388 or 52-6382.

WALLSEND'S JOHN PARKES CONTINUES NOBLE NORTHERN SOCCER TRADITION

WHEN midfielder John Parkes lines up for Wallsend's opening game in the Northern NSW State First Division premiership next month, he will be starting his 19th season of senior football.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Up to the end of the 1986 season, he had recorded more than 350 games with Wallsend, Stewart and Lloyds (now defunct) and Lake Macquarie and had not missed a season of football or cricket since 1968.

He was already in training for football when Wallsend met University in one of the final series games of the Newcastle District Cricket Association's first grade competition on March 14.

But, at the age of 36, he is now intending to take his football "week by week".

He's been lucky in not having received a serious injury in his years of service to both cricket and football, which is a factor in his continued enthusiasm.

And, so far as football is concerned, his love for the game has been a family trait.

His uncle, Jock Parkes, played for Wallsend and Leichhardt-Annandale and was an Australian international fullback.

His father, Hedley, was a Wallsend centre-half in the days of Alf Quill and Reg Date. He also played for Australia.

And John's brother, Ray, was a centre-half with Adamstown Rosebud and Wallsend in first division football.

John started as a Wallsend junior at the age of eight and graduated to First Division at 17.

His move from Wallsend saw him sign with Stewart and Lloyds, the team that former Everton star Mike Trebilcock took to the State League title in 1981.

In 1982, he turned out with Lake Macquarie and was a member of that club's premiership-winning team the following

year. He then returned to Wallsend, which was in the Second Division, in 1984 and helped the team go through the 1985 season undefeated and win promotion back to First Division.

"I still enjoy my football, even though I've slowed down a bit," John said.

And, of course, he is still able to show his son, 12-year-old Bradley,

some of the finer points of both football and cricket as Bradley goes about following in his father's footsteps with South Wallsend teams.

However, despite John's long service to football as a player, there is one of the game's rewards that is missing.

"I've played in six grand finals, but never in a winning team. And time is running out," he said.



KEN KAISER in other days ... Happy words to Newcastle star Joe Senkalski.



DAVID LOWE ... Ideal demonstrator at Coffs Harbour.

They wandered back to Marco Polo . . .

GIAMPAOLO, VALERI AND FERNANDEZ GET TOGETHER AT INTER MONARO

THE names are the same, but the passing of the seasons has taken its toll — Baz Giam-paolo is back in training at Inter Monaro Soccer Club, Walter Valeri is coaching the reserves, Vic Fernandez is in charge of the firsts.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Supporters can be forgiven for thinking back to the last time this combination was together at the Marco Polo ground, Fernandez coaching the reserves, Valeri top scorer, and Giampaolo not far behind.

But a lot has happened in the meantime. Both players have suffered serious injury and Fernandez does not have the support troops to work with he did three years ago.

Valeri, 31, would love to combine coaching the reserves with playing for the first team, but worries that his long-standing knee injury will not last the pace.

Retirement

It was sufficiently serious for him to announce his retire-

ment from playing a year ago, but an improvement allowed him to contribute an important part on the field as well as off in coaching Croatia Deakin to the ACT League championship.

Surprisingly, Croatia did not want to renew the association for 1987 and Valeri re-offered his services to Monaro, struggling to regroup after its relegation from the NSL.

Both Valeri and Giampaolo, who battled a crippling hamstring injury for most of last season, have important interests outside Soccer. Valeri runs a snack bar at the Southlands shopping centre in the Canberra suburb of Mawson, Giampaolo a video outlet in nearby Phillip.

"We often get together

to talk about Soccer," Valeri said recently. "Baz will drop in for a coffee or I will go over to hire a film."

"Yes, I would like to play in the NSW League with Baz again this season. We both had a run in a pre-season game against Croatia Deakin recently. I scored the equaliser, Baz had one disallowed."

It was written in Valeri's face. The worry, mixed with the anticipation of someone who believes he still has something important to contribute.

There are plenty ready to write off Valeri and Giampaolo, and Fernandez for that matter, as has been — yesterday's men. Maybe they are right. Maybe it is unreasonable to ask two small businessmen to roll back the years and order up the form that came naturally to them at the height of their powers.

And yet, just maybe, when Valeri and Giampaolo next sit down to a coffee they will have something more to talk about than the good old days.



CANBERRA

WALTER VALERI . . . reserve coach.

Summer . . . What Summer?

DEMERTZIS TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME

ILLAWARRA LATEST

FRANK Demertzis is a newcomer to the Wollongong City line-up this season and it took a trip to Greece to convince him he should aim for bigger and better things in Soccer.

At 26, Demertzis had been playing with Illawarra Premier League club Aris for 10 years before taking a holiday in Greece and Cyprus towards the end of last season.

BY PHIL MURPHY

In Cyprus, he trialled with two first division clubs and one of them was very keen to give him a contract. "I was surprised because there are some very good players over there," he said. "Oscar Crino was with a club there at the time and was on the substitutes' bench so that made me start thinking I was selling myself short."

When he came home, Demertzis decided he would trial with the Wolves and turned up at the first unofficial training run early in December.

Since then he has impressed coach John Fleming and played in midfield through the State Bank Cup series.

"He is a good player but I have to get him believing in his ability a bit more, now he is playing in this higher grade," Fleming said.

"I feel he has to start letting his team-mates know he is around and have talked to him about having a bit more confidence."

Coniston Kid

Demertzis played with Illawarra junior Club Coniston for 10 seasons and when he was 17 went to Sydney for a trial with Sydney Olympic.

"It was 1977 when the National League started and I thought I did well in a few games with their youth team," he said.

"The club wanted me to sign and I was really pleased but my parents thought I was too young to be travelling backwards and forwards so much to Sydney."

"Since then I have often wondered what would have happened if I had joined Olympic but

now I aim to make up for lost time."

With Aris, Demertzis won a Premier League grand final and only last season helped the club win the Bampton Cup final.

He has played more than 250 first grade games with Aris and is currently intent on losing weight.

He said when he was in Cyprus the people there told him the first thing he had to do was get his weight down.

"I have come down from 81 to 73 kilos and have noticed a big difference, particularly with the faster pace of the football in State League," he said.

Demertzis made his State League debut against Uruguay at the weekend to complete a very important period for him.

Just two weeks earlier he and his wife had their first child.



FRANK DEMERTZIS . . . Aris to Wolves.

CASCADE CUP POSTPONED IN HOBART AS TASMANIAN NEWS WINTER REIGNS

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

HEAVY rain caused an unprecedented early postponement of the second round of the Cascade Summer Cup competition in Tasmania but first-round results indicated that, in the Cadbury League section of the competition, at least, there was not much to separate the teams.

A postponement of an entire round of matches in the second week of the season is unheard of, even in Tasmania, the southern most and coldest State of the nation.

There is a lot of talk on the mainland about introducing Summer Soccer for the National League competition.

That wouldn't help us in Tasmania at all, were we to decide to do the same thing here.

We just don't seem to have summers any more, and winter is already upon us with snow on the foothills of Mt Wellington.

Olympia-WPL and Caledonians lead Group 1 of the competition following their 4-3 and 1-0 wins over Hobart City and Juventus-Pioneer respectively.

Hobart City's inexperience, especially in defence, cost it the game against Olympia after leading twice, while Juventus even missed a penalty against Caledonians.

Ironically, too, it was Ian Parker who scored Calies' goal seconds before the interval. Parker had trained and played with Juventus during the pre-season, only to sign for Calies on the eve of the tournament.

Reigning Cadbury State League champion, White Eagles, showed dismal form in drawing 1-1 with Howrah, while Croatia-Glenorchy was thankful for its scoreless draw with Rapid.

In the Rothmans League section of the competition, South Hobart and Metro-Clairemont lead Group 3 with a win apiece, while Kingborough United and Taroom lead Group 4, also with one win each.

Phoenix and Calies look out of their depth in Group 3, the same as Nelson United in Group 4, where University may just be able to oust either Kingborough or Taroom and gain a semi-final place.

All ten goals in the Cadbury State League section of the competition have been scored by different players, while Kingborough's Tony Trivett and Derek Trueman, with two goals each, lead the Rothmans League section goalscorers list, together with South Hobart's Clark.

The most controversial goal so far belongs to Nelson United.

The ball was well out of play wide of a goal post when Nelson's Craig Siddall scooped it back in for Martin Craik to hammer it into Kingborough's net.

Details: Cadbury League section — Olympia-WPL 4 (Greenwood, Goldsmith, Munro, Xanthopoulos) Hobart City-Azzurri 3 (Cionci, Brightman, Ambrosino pen.); White Eagles 1 (Stoddart) Howrah 1 (Schueler), Caledonians 1 (Parker) Juventus-Pioneer 0, Croatia-Glenorchy 0 Rapid 0; Roth-

mans League section — South Hobart 4 (Clark 2, Sanders, Robins) Calies 0, Metro-Clairemont 2 (McIntyre, Ashwood) Phoenix 0, Taroom 3 (Sherman 2, Ross) University 0, Kingborough United 4 (Trivett 2, Trueman 2) Nelson United 1 (M. Craik).

CONCORDIA-CANBERRA

AFTER two seasons of struggle in the ACT first division, Concordia are hoping that a new name and colours will herald the beginning of an era of success.

The name change, from Concordia Phillip to Concordia-Canberra, has been made to promote a more readily identifiable image outside the ACT, while the team will play in white and black.

In 1986 the club clung to a first division place as the three teams below them, ANU, Weston Creek and Canberra United, went down — a situation which leaves Concordia the early favourite for the drop this time.

But team manager Brendan Flattery thinks the side is much better than that, and points to one result last season to back his belief.

"For most of the time injuries and other reasons meant we could not field a full side," he said. "On about the only

occasion we did we beat CCAE 3-2 — and they finished in the top four."

While a single result seems a somewhat shallow foundation on which to build a season's hopes, Flattery says that with a couple of exceptions all the players in that CCAE game will be back.

"We've lost Anthony Frederichberg, who has moved to Queensland, but he will be placed up front by Peter Byrne, who is returning after a season out through injury," he said.

Coach Jock Coulter said that goalkeeper Frank Reising had finally decided to join ACT League champions Croatia Deakin, but the club was negotiating with another first-division standard keeper.

In the meantime Concordia could rely on veteran Rodney Palmer, on the staff as the coach of the new women's team.

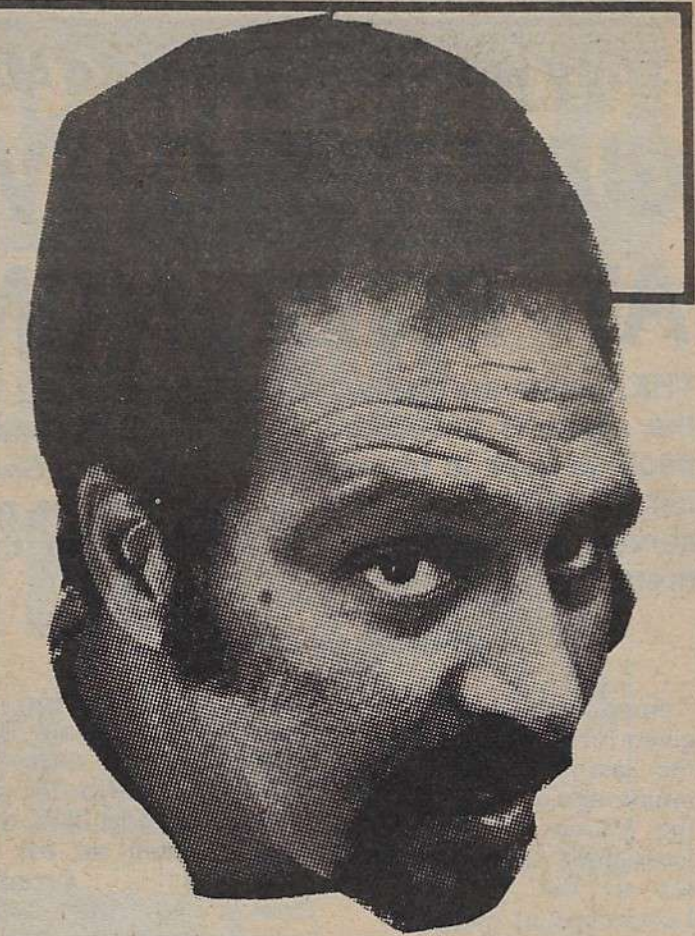
Perhaps the most important re-signing for the club is Fijian World Cup squad member Moham-

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	U/6	U/7	U/8	U/9	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16	U/17	U/18	U/21	A/A	Grounds	Teams	Clubs	Players
Bankstown	32	25	24	33	26	32	32	20	16	15	8	10	8	8	94	30	383	27	5124
Blacktown	46	52	32	38	35	32	35	23	18	15	12	3	-	5	36	55	382	29	4954
Canterbury	-	29	20	26	26	26	26	18	20	14	10	-	-	-	102	25	317	31	4465
Gladesville	32	54	49	43	45	36	39	26	29	23	17	8	-	-	123	56	520	38	6515
Granville	23	36	43	47	50	49	52	37	35	29	22	18	11	14	50	66	513	26	6403
Illawarra	-	31	31	40	34	36	37	25	21	17	12	5	-	-	-	60	289	26	3773
Kuringai	-	111	113	67	60	42	32	16	16	18	17	-	-	-	97	63	589	40	6408
Manly	44	64	78	40	37	39	31	32	23	23	15	-	15	-	114	38	555	20	5532
Macarthur	43	40	32	35	23	21	20	18	13	8	6	-	-	-	34	48	293	29	3121
Nepean	74	74	61	46	44	44	43	23	20	19	8	-	6	-	66	61	538	36	6205
St. George	24	32	32	34	29	28	28	22	18	14	9	4	4	6	67	40	351	27	4641
Southern & Eastern	19	26	19	17	21	13	18	6	12	-	7	-	-	-	28	21	186	36	2019
Southern Districts	27	27	34	33	40	38	33	21	25	11	15	-	-	5	34	74	353	45	5086
Sutherland	52	71	72	54	52	44	41	40	30	32	20	10	20	25	133	53	696	25	8627
Griffith	-	8	6	4	6	6	6	5	3	4	-	4	-	-	5	3	57	7	704
Wagga	-	15	12	8	11	6	8	-	8	-	6	-	-	-	13	10	87	9	928
Albury Wodonga	-	-	12	11	-	12	10	-	10	-	9	-	-	-	24	26	88	12	1084
Sth West Slopes	-	10	-	7	-	9	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	7	38	7	446
Mitchell	16	13	14	12	10	8	7	5	7	-	7	-	-	-	24	6	123	18	1517
Orange	11	15	11	10	14	9	8	6	3	4	-	-	-	-	14	18	105	13	1219
Dubbo	13	13	14	12	11	7	13	-	13	-	7	-	-	-	16	17	119	16	1468
Central West	-	-	18	4	10	3	8	5	10	-	4	2	-	-	8	16	72	14	885
Western Plains	-	7	7	6	4	-	5	-	5	-	4	-	-	-	6	6	44	8	448
Highlands	-	6	6	-	7	7	-	8	-	5	-	-	-	-	15	12	54	10	568
Sth Tablelands	-	14	11	9	7	5	5	4	4	-	-	4	-	-	10	10	73	12	843
Shoalhaven	13	25	18	14	13	11	8	8	6	-	8	-	-	-	22	35	152	16	1767
Eurobodalla	-	8	8	-	8	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	39	6	340
Far South Coast	-	4	4	6	-	4	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	6	6	34	6	414

NOTE: The NSW list includes only Sydney, Wollongong and the Central West, Riverina and South Coast. The players from the Hawkesbury River north, and North West and on the North Coast, are included in "Northern NSW" figures. Similarly the ACT is a separate state.



FORMER MOROCCAN STAR LENDS A DIRECT HAND IN ALBURY

SOCCKER in Australia could finish up in limbo if juniors cannot find their ways into senior ranks.

Australian junior talents often falls by the wayside as the young boys develop.

What happens is that kids play Soccer until they turn 16 and they may become bored and lose interest.

This is the prediction and opinion of former World Cup player Mohamed Mahjour, who played in the World Cup for Morocco in Mexico in 1970.

Since 1970 he has been a globe trotter. Through Soccer and work commitments he has visited nearly 40 countries.

He agreed with me that discipline and respect were the most essential ingredients before skill.

"But above all kids must get ENJOYMENT out of Soccer while playing in the junior ranks," Mohamed said.

He blames parents, coaches, clubs, teams and even associations for juniors becoming bored

FROM FRANK FINLAY

before they reach senior standards.

"It is just not on to send out a junior team with the instruction to go out and win at all costs", he said.

I've personally heard parents offering as much as \$10 for a goal to their sons and call out to them during the game "kill him, bring him down".

Mohamed 38, a dental technician, hit Albury and with be the senior coach for an Albury Soccer Club.

He came to Australia in 1983.

The senior team he is coaching finished on the bottom half of the ladder last season.

"If your team is in the bottom half of the ladder, discipline is the key word.

"Players must respect themselves first before any body else", he said.

APIA BEATS JUVENTUS IN JUNIOR TUSSLES

APIA Juniors gained a clean sweep against Melbourne rivals Juventus in their annual challenge series.

The Leichhardt-based club came out on top in under 13, 14, 15 and 16 grades.

The U13s was a battle of the respective champions and the 4-1 win for APIA emphasised their superiority.

APIA is the reigning NSW Champion of Champions and Juventus the Victorian State Champions.

The games were played at Sumner Park

Brunswick, Juventus' home ground.

APIA junior secretary Vince Aiello said that an excellent friendship had developed between the officials and members of the two clubs.

The trip was made in two coaches and the APIA lads had the task of recovering their equilibrium for the start of the NSW "Youth League season.

The results were:- U13 APIA 4 Juventus 1. Man of the match: Midfielder Alvin Ceccoli.

U14 2-1. Man of the match: Sweeper John Mazzone.

U15 8-0. Man of the match: Midfielder Anthony Pazarino.

U16 5-1. Man of the match: Alan Lindley.

— K.G.

RECRUITING REFEREES

THE shortage of referees at Association level is wide-spread.

But insufficient attention is given to the method of reaping a greater harvest of much needed officials.

One association, Gladesville-Hornsby, has devised systems that could be looked at more widely.

Whilst there are associations of similar size that have to get by with 60 referees, the Gladesville Referees Federation has 170.

And they have a huge sum in hand to build their own lecture rooms when the GHFA finalises its ground lease.

Courses are regularly held for new senior referees and cadets.

Of the 170 referees some 120/130 are available on a particular Saturday.

Their fees are accumulated by treasurer Phil Haffey until the end of the year.

At the annual meeting a special speaker is secured and do those members roll up to accept their cheques.

Special awards are made to leading referees.

In 1986, for the second year running, a local cadet won the NSW Junior Cadet of the year award.

Other highlights of the year included Mrs Gai

White becoming the first woman referee from the branch to gain class two qualifications. She also refereed an under 17 national title for womens Soccer.

A contingent of three cadet referees spent a week in Fiji refereeing the National Schoolboy Championships.

Bruce Kemmis, John Forrest and David Hodgekiss were excellent ambassadors of the sport, and the country.

The backbone of the branch are the cadet referees who officiate junior competitions.

Branch president, Mr Ron Beaumont, is eager to have more people, aged from 14 to become involved in Soccer refereeing.

There is no doubt that Beaumont, Haffey and secretary Wes Oke and the other officials are right on the ball.

For further details phone Mr Don Sinclair on 85 5797 after 7pm.

It takes a deal of organising to cover over 550 local teams and a share of Youth League, Metropolitan Championships, Amateur Cups, Robertson Cup, Gucci Cup, Champion of Champions and also Inter Urban fixtures.

But with proper organisation a referees' federation can do its share and more.

ADVERTISING

IN SYDNEY — JOHN ECONOMOS
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The URUGUAY Soccer Club under 14 team, snapped after a recent match. Their senior club has moved from Mona Park Auburn to Cook Park, St Marys to obtain a better ground and floodlighting facilities.

\$25,000 Aid for top NSW Juniors

LEADING NSW juniors are receiving full value from a \$25,000 annual grant from the NSW Government.

The money enables the Federation to provide six weeks coaching for the NSW under 14, 15 and 16 year squads.

Players can apply to their schools for one week's special leave,

which goes as a credit towards the sport segment in their examinations.

No headmaster yet has failed to approve of the special week in camp.

The boys are a part of the NSW Soccer Academy. It has been running for five years, but only two of them were under the government sponsorship.

Amongst the coaches who assist at the sessions are NSW Director Alan

Vest, Les Scheinflug, Eddie Thomson, Willie Wallace and Frank Campbell.

The final fortnight includes three days at Narrabeen National Fitness Camp for physical and dietary checks.

This is followed by a week in the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, where the boys can test their prowess against those in the Institute.

— K.G.

LICENSED SALES AND CO-OPERATION

NSW Amateur Federation president Ian Holmes reviews 1986 and looks ahead to 1987.

I again feel honoured to be given the opportunity of preparing an address to the annual general meeting of your Federation.

In compiling this year's address, I took the time to reflect upon the theme of "unity" which was the underlying thrust of last year's report. It is therefore with some sadness and reluctance that the tone of my address this year is at some variance with my previous report.

A great number of you are aware, and in fact have taken part in our efforts to build bridges between the other sections of the code in this state, and in particular the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs. We have endeavoured to co-operate and co-ordinate our activities in such a way as to avoid conflict with the Federation. We have adopted a role of peaceful co-existence and at times developed policies which accommodated the Federation and maintained support from the broadest possible elements which make up the Amateur Federation. In addition, we have played a pivotal function in presenting the crucial unified image for the sport to the N.S.W. Government and the soccer public in general.

In accepting the priority of presenting a unified picture the Amateur Federation has at times submerged its own needs and priorities to assist the Federation of Soccer Clubs in its quest for funds. We have, in my view, consciously deferred to the Federation on minor issues which had the potential to become disruptive influences on the harmony between both organisations.

I believe our actions and efforts to date have been both mature and responsible. In expressing this opinion I do not want anyone to consider that I am denigrating those who hold a view to the contrary. However, a number of responsible and sincere colleagues have from time to time counselled me that as an organisation we were deceiving ourselves and engaged in wishful thinking when it came to working and dealing with the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs. My response has been and will remain to be that we are holding onto some visionary hopes.

Having said that, it is now with some trepidation and regret, that I admit quite openly that I am deeply troubled by the increasing transparency of the actions and attitudes of elements within the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs. I am coming slowly and somewhat reluctantly to the opinion that the Federation views us as a subservient organisation and the role of the Amateur body is substantially less than the partnership arrangements which we envisaged we had entered into several years ago. The Management Committee will need to be mindful of this trend and the implications which may flow from it to ensure we do not fall victims to a pattern of deceit.

It is regrettable that it has become necessary for me to take upon myself the public expression of my concerns because it casts a somewhat ambiguous shadow over some otherwise encouraging events this year, such as the opening of the motel complex at Valentine Park.

It is ironic that the two strongest football organisations in this state, and who between them have enormous potential to do great things for our code, also live with the fear of doing serious injury to the sports future. I want to go on records as saying to our colleagues in the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs that nobody has the right to gamble with the future of the code in this State when they do not know or even have any concepts of the needs of the base. The status and direction of our relationship with the senior section of the game will need to be put under the microscope by the incoming management committee.

Quite irrespective of the contents of this report, it has been and remains my hope that this important matter will be resolved in a beneficial and positive way. It is my opinion that with goodwill and unity of purpose, this will be the case.

Turning now to other issues, a matter which is about to impact upon your Federation is its impending incorporation under the N.S.W. Companies Code. With our incorporation will come responsibilities which will enhance the functioning of the organisation. This in itself will benefit our sport. The operations of your Federation need to be conducted on a more business like basis and this in turn should improve the administration of the code at state level with flow through consequences for branches and district associations.

I am aware some Associations have used their own initiative and sought incorporation. I congratulate those who have done so on their farsightedness. To the Associations who have not yet addressed the issue of incorporation I would urge you to do so. It is perhaps a reflection on our society that has gone litigation mad, that people who give freely of their time for the youth of our community, need to seek safeguards to protect their own assets because of this commitment.

Another matter which will become more prominent in the next 12 months is our marketing activities. This is particularly important when you take account of the financial report you will be receiving at this meeting. Soccer marketing is all about your Federation endorsing certain products in return for remuneration based on sales of those products.

Expenditure by affiliated clubs and players within the ambit of the N.S.W.A.S.F. is conservatively estimated at \$10,000,000 per year.

Whilst it is not feasible that products belonging only to our licensees would be purchased, the effect of which would generate an income of some \$400,000 to \$500,000, it is possible for licensed products of the Amateur Federation to generate as much as \$200,000 in income if supported fully by Associations and clubs.

The funds generated from marketing can result in more finance being available to provide better administration, development, coaching, facilities and ultimately cheaper participation costs. The marketing program is completely dependant upon manufacturers increasing the sales of licensed products. Obviously, the only way sales are going to increase is by everyone purchasing endorsed products. We therefore need your help.

Lastly I am pleased to be able to announce to affiliates the introduction of the "Most Innovative Administrator" award. This has been made possible by the generous donation of a shield and three trophies by Overseas Indents Consolidated Pty. Ltd., who market the Mitre Soccer Ball in Australia. This award is to be made annually and the mechanics for this will be advised to affiliates shortly. Suffice to say that the State now has a talent identification scheme for administrators, which we hope will act as an incentive to bring to the forefront the entrepreneurial skills that are within the ranks of your Federation.

As has been my practice since becoming President, I close my report with saying:—

"Imagination leads us on the new discoveries".



State President
— Ian Holmes



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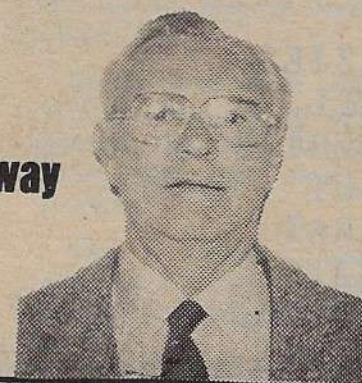


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CSR joins up with Marconi for Junior Soccer Camps

CSR, one of Australia's giant conglomerates, has made the decision to add its weight behind the Sydney NSL club Marconi, to assist in the development of Soccer amongst the juniors.

The CSR subsidiary, CSR-Gyprock, (Marconi's major sponsor over the last three years), together with Marconi, will be running a series of Soccer camps during the school holidays.

First Camp

The first Soccer camp starts next month on Tuesday, April 21 through to April 24.

The camps are targeted at the Under 9 to Under 15 age bracket.

Second Camp

The second camp kicks off during the July school break from Tuesday 7 to Friday July 10.

Both Soccer clinics will be limited to the first 100 enrolments.

Camp Costs

The Soccer camps will cost a most attractive

rate of only \$40 per child which will include daily lunch plus a free CSR-Gyprock T-shirt.

The best player in each age group from the Under 9s to the Under 15s will have their full Soccer camp fee refunded at the end of the clinic.

And, as a special prize, the most outstanding player attending the clinics will be Marconi's special guest to travel with the NSL team to an interstate NSL match.

Certificates

All players attending the Soccer Camps will each receive a Certificate to recognise their attendance at these wonderful camps.

According to the CSR's Mr Richard Smith, State Manager for NSW, these Soccer clinics are all designed to form part of the long term Youth Development Programme in a most tangible

manner. The overall aim of this programme is to promote junior Soccer in the Western suburbs of Sydney and surrounding areas.

Master-coach of the Soccer camps will be Marconi's senior NSL coach, Roberto Vieri, a former full-time professional player in the Italian first division.

Assisting Vieri as instructors will be NSL squad members, such as Tony Henderson, Robbie Wheatley, David Lowe, Bruce James, and Ian Gray.

Soccer Camp Registration

Parents wishing their children to attend these Soccer camps must contact the Marconi secretary-manager, Mr Keith Charles as soon as possible.

Mr Charles can be reached on (2) 610-2222 at the Club Marconi.

Only the first 100 children for each clinic will be allowed into the April or July Soccer Camps.

Don't delay. Do it now.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

COACHING PROGRESS IN AMONGST NSW AMATEUR PLAYERS

Courses for Schoolboys

Courses for Schoolboys have been held at Orange, Griffiths, Goulburn, Forbes, Dubbo, Albury, Wagga and Cowra.

There have been many other Camps and Seminars at Valentine Park involving the State U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16 and U/18 teams. As well as Country Representative Teams and Seminars through the Coaches Association staffed by Eddie Thomson, Les Scheinflug and Frank Arok.

Again the past year has been a busy one, but satisfying overall particularly with the appointment of three Regional Coaches on a part-time basis for the Western, Riverina and Southern Regions. This now gives us a better coverage throughout New South Wales also our Institutes of Sport will come into operation at Valentine Park, with the first fortnight commencing on December 7. Now that we have our wonderful Accommodation Block, many projects can be extended to enable a more comprehensive Programme.

Courses held at Valentine Park

Level I Course, Level II Courses, Level III Courses, Bridging Courses, Fitness for Soccer Courses, Sports Injury Courses, Schoolboy Courses. Plus Level II Courses at Albury, Orange, Wollongong, Penrith, Fairfield, Merrylands and Sutherland.

Level I Courses have been held at numerous venues throughout the State with candidates totalling almost 1,000 which is a number all the other States combined would not exceed.

Our Level III Course was again a very successful course with almost 40 candidates and staffed by Eddie Thomson, Ken Morton from Tasmania and myself. I also staffed the Level III Course in Melbourne and the Level IV in Canberra, and was involved with the A.N.Z. Scholarship Course in Melbourne.

Teamwise, I had sessions with the Senior State Team before the game against Queensland, and also the U/16 and U/18 State Teams prior to the National Championships being held. N.S.W. were Runner Up in the U/18 age group and Champions in the U/16 age group.

Also part of the Programme has involved sessions for Coaches Associations, Junior and Senior Clubs, Schools, Colleges and Teachers as well as games at National, State, Youth and Junior Levels.

The Big Brother Movement has again been generous in awarding four more Scholarships for Soccer, and each boy has been granted \$3,000 toward their expenses to train with a top Club in the U.K.

Things are beginning to fall into place on the Coaching side in New South Wales with more Courses each year, and the skill and attitude and approach of our young players in the various State teams gets better each year.

1987 will see the continuation of upgrading our Courses and hopefully strengthening the Regional Coaching Programme and Institute of Soccer.

At the moment I am also in the process of writing a Coaching Book, which I feel will be of benefit to Coaches at all levels.

1987 NATIONAL SQUAD

KAREN MENZIES	N/NSW
SUE BUSWELL	N/NSW
RENAYE ISERIEF	N/NSW
LEAH WRIGHT	N/NSW
JULIE MURRAY	ACT
SUE MONTEATH	SQLD
JOANNE MILLMAN	SQLD
KERRY MILLMAN	SQLD
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MICHELLE SAWYERS	SQLD
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DONNA FREDRICKSON	SQLD
LYNNE SPENCER	SQLD
THERESA JONES	VIC
SHONA BASS	VIC
JANE OAKLEY	VIC
JANINE MCPHEE	VIC
HELEN SHATTOCK	NT
AMANDA GEORGE	NT
JANELLE RENSHAW	N/NSW
SHARON DEWAR	N/NSW
TERRI MCQUEEN	SQLD
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SHARON MATELJAN	WA
MARIANNA MILANOVIC	SA
MOYA DODD	SA
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LISA RADER	TAS
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SHARON YOUNG	NSW
ANISSA TANN	NSW
JANINE AITKIN	NSW



FRED ROBINS

AUSTRALIAN SUPREMO — FRED ROBINS

FRED Robins has been coach of the Australian Women's team since 1985.

Since that time Fred has taken the team to New Zealand to participate in the 2nd Oceania Cup in which Australia beat New Zealand A and B teams. However they lost to Taiwan in the final.

Fred migrated from England in 1969 and settled in Brisbane.

He currently works for Telecom and in his spare time he coaches the Queensland State Women's team.

Fred worked with the National Women's squad at the Institute of Sport in March 1986 prior to their participation in the Oceania Cup.

The 1987 program is the second of the Institute camps for the Australian women.

It is envisaged that the program will lead to the introduction of youth team members in future years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHANGING THE ENGLISH INFLUENCE

IT comes as no great surprise to me that OUR Johnny Warren did not fare as well as most Aussie Soccer buffs may have thought he would in the glorified post of Soccer supremo of the AIS.

I have been involved in this great game for many years as a player, administrator and for the past 15 years as coach of both senior and junior players, and I am forever hearing that this country has produced all time great players such as Johnny and many more. This I agree with.

Our coaching set up in the last 10 years or so has also been vastly improved and this can easily be testified by the fact that many hundreds of coaching candidates have pilgrimmed into the ASF courses. It is here within these courses, though I must state, they are of tremendous benefit, that the term POMMIE MAFIA has evolved.

I have been to many of these course and passed, but one thing which will always blur my coaching vision forever is the absolute glut of bias and freebys that are shown to not only a few but all ENGLISH candidates at these course. Don't take my word for it, you only need ask one of the hundreds of other 'ethnic' candidates, such as many Aussies, Germans, Yugoslavs, Greeks etc. They have all witnessed it.

POMMIE POWER is alive and well in the AUSSIE Soccer coaching set up. Please don't get me wrong, I have much respect for instructors of the calibre of Alan Vest and his mainly English staff coaches, from them I can say I have learned a lot and this I treasure, but as well as LEARNED I EARNED the rewards and certificates that I attempted, which is a lot more than I can say about the English candidates.

A glaring example which can be supported by at least 45 candidates at a recent senior (level 30) course, is that of an Englishman who turned up at a level 2 course and did not take part due to possibly a valid reason for the entire duration of the course. He passed with flying colours and a hand shake.

Now, having obtained your level 2 you are eligible to sit for your level 3 after 12 months. This person was at the following level 3 course all dressed with a badge stating, 'Staff Instructor'.

The level 3 course had not yet commenced. You could understand the panic that must have thrown into the air at Parklea when many of the candidates who attended the level 2 course with this guy now see him as an instructor. Oh yes, I believe he was a player in England many years ago.

At junior level, there are many mystifying events that seem to

occur when the time comes to select State coaches.

Two quick examples a/An English coach who had charge of a state team the previous year allegedly behaved in an apparently unsatisfactory manner during the state championships and we understand was never to be put in charge of a state side again. That is until selection time for the following year when this guy was one of only two candidates for the position, you guessed it he got the job. And yes the other candidate was an AUSSIE, equally qualified, but unfortunately, an AUSSIE.

Example b/At a level 3 course a certain candidate dared to ask a question in regard to a rather stupid situation that the Pommie staff instructor had created and which indeed to all candidates present, was never going to work. The question was asked by an AUSSIE candidate and the POM replied, "when you can speak like me, you may be on your way to being a coach!" This left no doubt in the candidates' minds.

This great country has produced many great players and just as many AUSSIE coaches as well. These coaches were not in the big time and apart from Joe Marston, will probably never get the credit they deserve, not as long as we have the Pommie Mafia telling us how and why.

Our Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, is telling the nation to buy AUSSIE goods and support AUSSIE products, I believe that this is a great line that could be implemented by clubs... PUT YOUR FAITH IN AUSSIE SOCCER... SUPPORT YOUR OWN AUSSIE COACH.

B. Dundat, Sydney
[Writers' name and address provided-Ed]

AS APPOINTMENT

I HAVE endured, with much patience I might add, the furore surrounding the appointment of Ron Smith as AIS head coach or rather the non-appointment of John Warren, through the pages of your paper.

ASW has always been a reasonably fair and unbiased publication when in came to matters of opinion — objective and interesting reading.

So why the sudden change in your approach to the AIS appointment?

This 'chip on the shoulder' support for Johnny Warren, without any mention of the extensive experience, qualifications and proven track record in coaching youth international players of Ron Smith (not to mention the AIS players', of the last 6 years, enormous development under him — just ask

them any of them) is particularly unfair to Ron, the AIS, its players and to the readers of your paper.

Johnny Warren may have been a good player 15 years ago for Australia, and we have had many since then making it overseas now as well. Should they also have right for the AIS jobs?

His involvement since his playing days hasn't been really in coaching but in the media where he does well and in business with junior clinics and his Gold Creek Homestead in Canberra — a great set up, along with his PR and marketing skills he can bring the game to the forefront where it belongs, great!

But all this is hardly the experience required for the coaching of our best youth players in the country's premier coaching job.

So please, in fairness I think that you should shed light on both sides of this story so people may see things in a better perspective rather than just in the way one reporter as ASW wants us to see it. In that way you can continue to hold your heads high in producing a publication the public can trust for unbiased reporting as was once the case.

James Crocker, Belconnen ACT 2611

[We note that Ron Smith has assisted John Warren in producing players for some years but we believe that Johnny Warren would have had a great deal to offer.

The entire matter has brought to light the need to upgrade some aspects of coaching in Australia. — Ed]

ALSTON VIEW

I think that it is a bit stupid not bringing a man John Warren's standing in to the AIS as head coach. I find it hard to think of anyone who would be more suited to the job.

He has the coaching qualifications to top FIFA standing and is someone whom players would look up to.

I played many times for Australia, but John also captained Australia and only Peter Wilson has had that honour more times than John did.

John is a person who is liked by so many young players.

Ron Smith is a great guy and I am certain not knocking him.

I am afraid that the people who say that John Warren lacks coaching experience do not realise what they are saying.

When I came back to Australia I played under John for a while. I know very well what he can do as a coach.

I have seen him send teams out into National League games with two or three fifteen year olds and still do as well as possible under the circumstances.

Certainly players such as Tony Henderson and Jim Cant got the chance to do well under his guidance.

Adrian Alston

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS FOR CANBERRA ON SATURDAY

A SQUAD of 26 players will train at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra from March 15/22 as part of the national development plan set down by the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

Young players such as 16 year old international Julie Murray from Canberra, and Adelaide players, Moya Dodd and Mariana Milanovic will be expected to show their goal-scoring skills.

Fred Robins will be assisted during the Institute program by Clive Mackillop and Stephanie Quinn from Canberra, and Bill Fenney from Gosford is the team physiotherapist.



The Australian squad has previously trained at the Institute, however this camp will culminate in the hosting of a game between Australia (Green) and an Australian Invitation XI (Gold). Australian Coach, Fred Robins, will be given an opportunity to field his experienced international players with the soon-to-be internationals. In addition, it will provide an opportunity for the Australian public to see women playing Soccer at an elite level.

The Australian team has only performed 'at home' on one other occasion when it played a drawn test series against New Zealand in 1979.

Players such as Sharon Mateljan and Renaye

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who were in the Kiwi squad which played the Soccerroos in the Trans-Tasman tests last year.

And a number of those were also in the Kiwi squad which went to the World Cup in Spain in 1982.

While their inclusion will give Auckland a formidable combination, the two island teams could be even stronger.

The New Caledonia and Tahiti teams are expected to include French first and second division players and a host of French youngster who are on army duty in the former colonies.

The standard of New Caledonia football can be judged by a recent tour there by an Auckland team which included established stars with a sprinkling of youth. The Kiwis were beaten 2-1, 1-0 and 1-0 after expecting to win all three games.

At this stage the Queensland squad will be chosen from the local XXXX League and State coach Bruce Stowell will not consider any of the State's expatriates now playing in the south.

They include NSL stars Frank Farina, Man-is Lamond, Alan Hunter, Danny Wright, Steve Jackson and David Ratcliffe.

Stowell naturally is delighted with the tournament plans and praised the QSF for turning what appeared to be a negative move in being axed from the NSL into a positive step for Queensland Soccer.

"In a lot of ways we are already making up for the lack of involvement in the National League this year because I doubt if we could have gone on this tour if we were still involved," he said.

"The QSF has done a tremendous job in giving us these games. This is definitely going to be a boost for our players and their performances."

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CAULFIELD-NORTHCOTE MEET IN BIG STATE LEAGUE DERBY

THE third round of the Victorian Soccer Federation will be played this weekend with three big games bound to give Soccer followers a treat.

The Greek derby between Caulfield and Northcote promises to be a highlight and will go one step closer to sorting out a few bets between supporters on who will finish above who this season.

Both sides have started the season respectably but at Princess Park respect will have no bearing.

Caulfield have a strong defence with David

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

Brooks leading the way which will give Peter Constantinou and Tom Patsakos some concern. Nevertheless Northcote should pick up both points as the side seems to have more balance.

Fawkner takes on Croydon in the other big match which will prove to be a "bruiser of a battle".

Boasting stars like Fat-

tore, Stenson, Ozzella, Tuffield and Palinkas, Fawkner can and will match Croydon's name players and take both points at home.

Box Hill play Morwell in what will prove to be an important game for both teams.

Morwell needs to pick up points to challenge the leading clubs and Box Hill has to start scoring.

Box Hill in the past two matches has thrown away points because of their lack of finishing so sooner or later things will click. I'm going for Box Hill to beat Morwell in a close entertaining game.



MARTYN ROGERS

ACE DEFENDER BACK FOR SYDNEY OLYMPIC

MARTYN ROGERS, Sydney Olympic's classy right-back, flew back into Australia from England last week to re-sign for the club for another season.

Rogers, 27, a former Manchester United player, brought good news with him.

He told ASW that Olympic's other English defender, Mike Coady, is

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

also contemplating coming back for the club very soon.

"Crowds in England have gone up dramatically so far this season, despite the severe cold weather," reports Rogers.

Since first joining Sydney Olympic in 1982 — originally brought to Australia by Tommy Docherty — Rogers has given sterling service and

added immense professional experience to the Greek-sponsored NSL club.

Rogers will be speaking to ASW next week in a frank interview.

In the interview, Rogers will be expressing his honest personal views on Soccer in Australia and news from England.

In other matches St Albans should continue their good form and beat Broadmeadows. Frankston Pines should also take both points against the other newcomer Oakleigh.

Western Suburbs plays host to Thomastown where the Italian side should comfortably beat the Greek-backed Suburbs.

The AIS entertains Springvale in the ACT and will no doubt put up a strong performance in their exhibition match. I think Springvale is good enough for a draw!

Another big match is the Maribyrnong versus Green Gully clash. Maribyrnong has cruised in its first couple of matches and I would say this won't be the case against the strong Green Gully outfit. A draw is a likely result.

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med Saleem, who had to return home in the middle of last season because of visa problems. These have been sorted out and the talented utility player is expected in Canberra before the start of the main league season.

Experienced club loyalist Frank Loeschner is back together with midfielders Michael Fuderer, Robert Kruger and Chris Holland, and winger Robert Bormann.

In addition, Coulter was able to announce three late signings in time for the Jim Fraser pre-season competition, which began at the weekend — they are Matt Rodgers from Queensland, Alan Bannon from South Australian League club Enfield Victoria, and Mark Lloyd, who has played for Kambah United and CCAE in the ACT competition.

"Lloyd is a goalscorer and Rodgers also plays up front, while Bannon is a back-four man," Coulter said. "If they all play up to their potential we will have a nicely balanced side."

And with the efforts of president Kare Schimpf and his committee to put Concordia on a sound financial footing having largely succeeded, the club's target for 1987 might well be a place in the top four rather than avoiding relegation.

— GRAHAM COOKE

CROATIAN 'FREE FOR ALL'

SYDNEY and Melbourne Croatians have won through to contest the Ansett Challenge Shield for

the second year running.

The contest will take place at the St George Stadium on Sunday at 2.30pm.

The boys are back, — are they crazy?

THOSE manic media men are at it once again!

Yes, after last seasons amazingly successful match against the 1974 Soccerroos, the media boys have decided to take on some 'better' opposition ... like themselves!

That's right the guys have decided if you can't beat 'em then don't play 'em!

The first match of a long and exhausting campaign for 1987 is on March 27 as a curtain-raiser to the opening of the West End National Soccer League.

Next Friday night when St. George kicks off against APIA Leichhardt, the Australian Print Media will be taking on the Aussie Electronic Media at around 6.30pm.

The festivities on the night at St. George Stadium will commence at 6pm and the challenge match soon after.

The duration of the match is 30 minutes each way with a 10 minute break in between for gatorade and oranges.

Lining up for the respective teams will be the likes of the Sydney Morning Herald's Ray Gatt and Mike Cockerill, the Telegraph's Eddie Thomson, Windsor Dobbin and Trevor Robb and AAP's Ted Simmons and Stephen Dettre.

The Electronic guys, on paper anyway have a pretty formidable combo.

Take the likes of the SBS clan of Les Murray, Andy Paschalidis, George Donikian, Dom Galati and Harry Michaels. Add to them ABC men Peter Wilkins and boss David Hill and

then TCN Nine's David Peters and Ian Leslie along with TEN's David Fordham and Tony Peters, let's just say things are looking rosy for them.

Instead of a proposed three Australian Soccer Weekly representatives, it now looks likely there will be but two. Johnny Warren and Alan Vest are starters but Frank Coletta is highly doubtful as he has been confined to crutches for the past six weeks following a foot operation.

Along with Frank's possible absence there is also 2UE's Alex Paton missing as he is just getting over a long and bad illness.

So the hoodoo that struck Peter Wilkins last year has struck again ...

But both fella's needn't be worried the Media side(s) will be called on for long duty this winter. Already four games have been set down, this upcoming one, one against the Referee's XI (what a hide they have challenging us), versus the Coaches XI (that could be difficult) and a Celebrity XI.

GET set for a great night's entertainment at St. George Stadium. Along with the great WENSL opener there will be marching girls and bands along with the big Media match. So don't be late and be there!



ENGLISH Div 1: Everton 3								Leicester	31	8	16	17	38	60	30
Southampton 0, Leicester 1								Charlton	31	7	8	19	23	43	29
Charlton 0, Luton 2, Manchester								Man City	31	6	11	14	27	42	29
United 1, Manchester City 1, Chelsea								Aston Villa	31	6	9	16	35	61	27
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								Derby	31	18	7	6	47	27	61
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								Sheff Utd	31	10	10	11	37	39	40
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Middlesbro	33	18	7	8	48	27	61	Swansea	32	14	10	8	44	39	52
Swindon	30	17	6	7	51	32	57	Colchester	35	15	6	14	53	48	51
Bristol City	32	16	7	9	50	26	55	Wolves	35	16	5	14	47	47	50
Gillingham	33	16	7	10	49	36	55	Exeter	33	11	15	7	42	31	48
Blackpool	33	12	12	9	63	42	51	Cambridge	34	12	11	11	48	44	47
Wigan	29	15	5	9	57	43	50	Alershot	33	13	7	13	43	47	46
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Port Vale	32	10	10	12	48	49	40	Tranmere	31	9	13	12	46	36	40
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Brentford	33	9	10	14	43	52	37	Lincoln	33	10	8	15	36	48	38
Fullham	33	8	13	12	47	57	37	Hereford	33	9	9	15	43	46	36
Bury	33	8	9	15	41	47	36	Burnley	33	8	11	14	41	59	35
York	32	9	9	14	37	57	36	Sheff. Utd	33	12	13	8	49	40	40
Bolton	33	8	11	14	39	46	35	Sport. Port	31	7	9	15	25	49	30
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Carlisle	31	6	6	19	31	57	24								
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Northampton	34	25	7	2	83	33	82	Rangers	35	24	6	5	68	19	54
Preston	32	18	8	6	51	34	62	Celtic	36	22	8	7	52	32	52
								Dundee Utd	34	21	8	5	56	26	50
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St Mirren	35	10	9	16	29	41	29	Glenelg Pk			30	10	11	39	39	39	
Motherwell	35	8	10	17	32	55	26	Stranraer			30	7	10	13	34	41	24
Hibernian	35	8	10	17	32	55	26	Aberbroath			31	9	5	17	37	55	23
Falkirk	34	6	6	22	26	58	18	Stenhousemuir			31	6	9	16	27	48	21
Clydebank	35	5	8	22	29	78	18	Berwick			31	7	6	18	38	51	20
Hamilton	35	5	7	23	31	74	17	East Stirling			30	4	8	18	24	46	16

DIVISION ONE								The Gantas Pacific Champions							
Dunfermline	36	21	9	6	55	32	51	Cupar	36	20	10	6	55	32	51
Morton	36	19	8	9	71	45	46	Adelaide City	1 (Joe Mullen)						
East Fife	36	12	18	6	52	45	42	b Mt Wellington (New Zealand)	1 (Dave Witteveen)	on penalties 4-1					
Dumfries	34	18	5	11	49	38	41	at Hindmarsh Stadium, Crowd: 2000.							
Airdrie	36	15	9	12	40	34	39								
Kilmarnock	36	13	10	13	50	43	36								
Forfar	34	10	14	10	47	47	34								
Partick	35	10	11	14	41	44	31								
Clyde	34	8	14	12	35	42	30								
Q O' South	36	10	10	16	43	52	30								
Cherry	36	10	10	16	43	52	30								
Montrose	36	6	9	21	29	61	21								

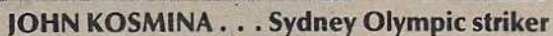
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St Johnstone	31	14	11	6	53	40	39	Glenelg 3, Glenavon 2, Newry 0							
Ayr	31	16	7	8	53	42	39	Cliftonville 0							
Greenock	31	14	11	6	53	40	39	League Cup Rd 1: Ballymena 8							
Stirling	30	13	11	6	39	26	37	Milford Everton 1, Bainsbridge 0							
Cowdenbank	31	14	7	10	49	44	35	Infield 5, Carrington 0							
Alloa	30	14	6	10	41	39	34	0 Crusaders 1, Queens University 0							
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In Brief

BARCELONA's crack striker GARY LINEKER is on his way to becoming a millionaire... for wearing a new pair of football boots.

Lineker signed a five-year deal to promote a British boot called Quaser.

He has teamed-up with Quaser chairman Everitt Plater, the man who helped make Kevin Keegan a millionaire by launching Patrick boots.

The boots obviously have something special as Lineker belted four goals for England in their 4-2 battering of Spain, and that was their first outing!

CREWE have paid a club record fee of \$25,000 for Everton defender PETER BILLING, who has been with them on loan for the past month.

NEW ZEALAND scoring sensation RICHARD HILL is being chased by England club Newcastle United.

The sharp-shooting Hill (he has scored 29 goals this season) has put his English fourth division club Northampton Town clear of the bottom and on it's way up the table and the first division Geordie club has been running the rule over him.

He is rated at \$500,000.

A fortnight back legendary Brazilian goalkeeper CARLOS JOSE CASTILHO committed suicide by jumping out of a window of his luxury sixth-floor apartment in Rio de Janeiro.

The 59-year-old was a member of Brazil's World Cup winning squad with Pele and company back in 1958.

ARSENAL believe that they will come out trumps over the STEWART ROBSON transfer to West Ham.

The talk at Highbury as the Gunners gun for the title, is that Robson's departure has allowed Steve Williams to blossom in his role in the heart of the midfield.

Robson though is enjoying his stint with the Hammers and recently slammed his first goal for the club.

HOW times change... Just 18 months ago SIMON STAINROD was offered the chance of signing for Spanish giants Barcelona, where he could have been a reserve, but nevertheless offered a contract that would have left him financially secure for life.

Instead he decided to stay with Aston Villa. Now he's playing in the reserves and could soon be on his way to poverty stricken Charlton on loan.



LIVERPOOL is planning to play Graeme Souness' Rangers at Anfield in a testimonial for SAMMY LEE, who is now with QPR in London.

HOW many times have you hear that "it's easier to sack the manager than sack the players."

Portuguese side Sporting Braga recently provided the exception to the rule when they stuck by boss Humberto Coelho and got rid of six stars who disagreed with his methods.

HAMBURG has become the first German club to recruit a player from the USA.

UCLA's PAUL CALIGIURI, a 25-year-old defender was the only USA player to get a run in last year's FIFA-UNICEF match between The Americas and the Rest of the World, and impressed new Hamburg boss Felix Magath, who also played in the charity match.



Lager-loving West Germany has introduced a ban on the sale of alcohol at Bundesliga grounds in a bid to control hooliganism.

THE career of West German superstar KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE is at the cross-roads in Italy where he has been struggling for months with Achilles tendon problems.

He has been to discuss his future with Inter Milan president Erensto Pellegrini.

Rummenigge is threatening to retire, but Inter are keen to recoup some of the \$7 million they laid out for his transfer from Bayern Munich five years ago.

Inter have had an approach from Tyrol Innsbruck, who wants to link Rummenigge with Hansi Mueller, their former West German international.

But Rummenigge is an extremely wealthy man and may not want to carry on with the rigours of top class football.

When he move to Italy, Inter bought him part of the Ford concession for Bavaria as part of his signing on fee!

NORWAY has come up with a desperate idea in an attempt to halt declining attendances, that is they have decided to cut out draws in the competition matches.

From now on, all matches which end all-square will be decided by penalty shoot-outs. In addition, three points will be awarded to winning clubs.

However, a team which wins on penalties, after the 90 minutes official time has failed to break the deadlock, will get only two points.

The losers in the sudden death shoot-out get no points.

Attendances at Norwegian matches have declined sharply over the past few years.

PETER BARNES, Manchester City's former England winger, came under heavy criticism from both Manchester managers after United's 2-0 at Old Trafford last week.

He held nothing back before the game as he blasted City's pre-match tactics.



TOP Austrian coach ERNST HAPPEL has been offered a staggering \$3 million to become the technical supervisor of the Saudi Arabian national team for the next four years.

The 61-year-old coach has announced he will leave SV Hamburg at the end of the season, and has been linked with top jobs in Italy, Spain, Greece and his homeland.

But the Saudi offer could prove irresistible. They're also prepared to throw in a bungalow, a limousine and a chauffeur!

RUMOURS are rife that MARK HUGHES, who moved in the off-season from Manchester United to Spanish giants Barcelona, could well be on his way back to Old Trafford at season's end.

BARCELONA fans are delighted with TERRY VENABLES' most exciting buy of the season — midfielder ROBERTO.

Venables signed the 21-year-old star from rivals Valencia for a cool \$1 million to replace West German Bernd Schuster in the centre of midfield.

Roberto has been in sparkling form this year scoring vital goals in recent Barcelona victories, not to mention a goal for Spain against Italy in the European Under-21 Championship.



MONACO boss STEFAN KOVACS is poised to make a bid for Red Star Belgrade's BRANKO STOJKOVIC after a scouting mission in Yugoslavia.

After watching the centre-half in action against Hajduk Split, Kovacs said: "Stojkovic is so good. The national team should be built around him."



EVERTON striker ADRIAN HEATH is not only hitting the heights in football, he is also doing well in his business ventures with the money he's earned from the round-ball code.

Heath has just bought a Continental-style wine bar which has given the talented 26-year-old the opportunity to pay tribute to some of his greatest heroes, like Marvin Hagler, Clint Eastwood, Humphrey Bogart and John McEnroe.

Guess what the bar is called? Heroes, course!

HUNGARY has at last opened the way for the country's best young talent to develop their skills in Western Europe.

In the past the Hungarian FA would only allow its stars to move West after their 30th birthdays, but the age ban has been lifted.

The first player to benefit is ANTAL ROTH, 26, of Pecs, who has joined Dutch club Feyenoord for \$200,000.

Next could be 23-year-old Honved striker LAJOS DETARI. West Germany's Bayern Munich and Werder Bremen seems set for a battle for his signature.

DENMARK's World Cup star SOREN LERBY has launched an astonishing attack on British football.

The veteran midfielder claims he was approached by two English clubs last summer, with a view to joining his international teammates JAN MOLBY, JOHN SIVEBAEK and JESPER OLESEN in the First Division... not hard to imagine which clubs!

Anyway, he says: "There is no way I would ever play my football in England."

"Spending ten months in every year watching the ball fly over my head would be sheer madness."

THE German FA have found themselves unpopular after their decision to extend national boss FRANZ BECKENBAUER's contract until after the 1990 World Cup.

Horst Koppel, his assistant, promptly resigned in protest and Under-21 boss BERTI VOGTS refused the offer to step up.

Then former international JUPP HEYNCKES turned down the chance of becoming Beckenbauer's number two, saying: "Why should a teacher become assistant to a pupil?"

ALGERIAN international FADHIL MEGHERIA has been banned for two years after assaulting a referee.

Megheria blew a fuse after the ref refused his appeal for a free-kick, and chased him before landing a couple of right uppercuts.

ITALY's Soccer boom is over. Gates have dropped by around 3,500 per game in comparison with last season.

Not even Diego Maradona's title-chasing Napoli have been able to hold their high attendances of last season.

Florentina, meanwhile, report a disturbing 40 per cent drop.

A survey has revealed that 10 per cent of Italian fans now prefer to watch televised football, as the problem of hooliganism gets its grip in the country.

TERRY BUTCHER is loving his life at Glasgow Rangers and rates the magnificent Skol Cup Final victory over deadly rivals Celtic higher than his World Cup experiences.

"I'd never experienced anything like it. Maybe I've been lucky enough to play at a higher level, but I've never been involved in a game surrounded with so much passion."

"We won it but I suppose Celtic were slightly the better side on the day. All that mattered, though, was that I collected the Cup."

ARSENAL's bright central defender TONY ADAMS has a message for England manager BOBBY ROBSON: "I want to captain England."

Although that statement was made tongue-in-cheek, for the moment, Adams has been called into the English squad and he is a player with a burning desire to win every match, and a disarming wit for handling probing questions.

And the 20-year-old carries ambitions to skipper his country, having already led England at Schools, Youth and Under-21 levels.

"Having achieved that, it's only natural to want to lead the England senior team some day," he added.



FORMER Nottingham Forest goalkeeper HANS VAN BREUKELLEN has revealed his thoughts about English football now that he's safely back home in Holland with PSV Eindhoven.

The Dutch international, who made 61 League appearances for Forest, says: "English football is less spectacular than the Continental game. First Division footballers play more with the heart than head."

"They battle from start to finish, but there are very few ball wizards. The overall level of technique in England is, in fact, very low."

"They pressurise opponents all the time to cover up the enormous defects which are corroding the English game."



STEWART ROBSON, THE PRIDE OF WEST HAM

STEWART ROBSON's decision to quit championship chasers Arsenal for West Ham surprised many people.

Robson, one of the most talented midfielders in the country, would have figured prominently in George Graham's plans when he had fully recovered from the unilateral hernia that had sidelined him for most of the season.

The \$1.5 million transfer fuelled rumours that he had been unsettled at Highbury for two years after a row with a team-mate and that he was unhappy with the medical treatment he was receiving.

But this intelligent 22-year-old refuses to say anything that could damage the reputation of a club he

still rates highly.

"I have a great respect for Arsenal as a club and for what they are trying to achieve," he insists.

"I first joined them as a 12-year-old associated schoolboy and enjoyed six good years there as a professional. So naturally I have regrets about leaving them. It wasn't an easy decision to make.

"I enjoyed playing for Terry Neill and Don Howe. They gave me tremendous encouragement and helped shape my career.

"I decided it was a good time to move on when George Graham and Theo Foley took over in the summer. Once West Ham's offer had been accepted there was no question of staying on in the hope of winning a Championship medal.

"I've been very impressed with the whole set-up at West Ham. There is a warm, friendly atmosphere about the place. They have a tradition for playing a style of football most people enjoy

watching.

"They've got quality players in the likes of Alan Devonshire, Tony Gale and Frank McAvennie. And I've been friendly with Alan Dickens and Tony Cottee since our England Under-21 days."

Robson insists he knows nothing about a reported bid of \$1.2 million from Everton before he signed for West Ham.

"If they did make an approach, George Graham never told me about it," he said.

Moulden warning

Boy wonder PAUL MOULDEN has made a dream start to his career at Manchester City, but manager **JIMMY FRIZZELL** is determined to keep his feet on the ground.

Says the Maine Road boss: "Paul (left) has done extremely well, but he is a long way off the finished product.

"His pace is not startling, but he has great control and will always score goals.

"He is gaining experience all the time, but he knows he has a lot to do to become a much better player."

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Former Southampton defender TONY BYRNE has received his first Republic of Ireland cap... 17 years after making his debut! Tony played 14 times for his country between 1969 and 1974, but until recently had nothing to show for his efforts.

The FAI admit their records were in "a bit of a mess" and blame a strike at the French firm who make the caps. 17 years on strike? Who's their shop steward, Monsieur Scargill!

LEICESTER City have made an enquiry about Wigan goalscorer **DAVID LOWE**, valued at \$300,000 by the Third Division club.

Newcastle, Aston Villa and Liverpool have also been keeping tabs on the talented 21-year-old.



STEWART ROBSON

WIMBLEDON STORY

From last week
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Ragged

The players slapped their thighs, shook hands and ran out. Bassett and his assistant Alan Gillet took their seats in the tiny grandstand. Dalglish looked for the bench and was shown to a plastic chair inches from the touch-line. After an inspired 20 minutes, the Dons began to look ragged and were lucky not to have conceded a goal before half-time. During the interval, Bassett's tongue began to motor.

"I said no poncing about. The game's there for the taking and you're standing around with your fingers up your noses wondering what the hell you're doing playing a team like Liverpool. Now get out there and do the business."

But it wasn't to be. The champions moved up a gear, dominated midfield and put the ball in Wimbledon's net three times. When Bassett arrived back in the dressing room there was silence.

"You might not think we can beat Liverpool or Everton — well, I bleedin' well do and we're going to start right now. I can promise you plenty of hard work and a lot of bleedin' hours on the training pitch. Make sure you're there 11am Monday and we start again — back to the drawing board."

John Fashanu covered his face with his shirt, Cork muttered something under his breath, and Bassett went next door to tell the media what he had told his team. "We've lost our way and some of the players have forgotten what's required of them. I'm looking for some new talent to fill the gaps," said Bassett.

So, where are the gaps? "To be frank, they're up front, in the middle and at the back," he said with a chuckle. "But it's early days. The important thing is that we're still enjoying life." □

BIG DAVE BEASANT

Bingham under pressure

BILLY BINGHAM's position as Northern Ireland manager could be in jeopardy if, as expected, he extends his lucrative one-year contract with Saudi Arabian club El Nasser.

"It's just not on," says a concerned Irish F.A. legislator. "I cannot see how he can possibly remain in charge of our national side if he's going to be out in the Middle East until 1988."

CITY KIDS SIGN

MANCHESTER City's "gang of five" exciting young stars **PAUL MOULDEN**, **DAVID WHITE**, **PAUL SIMPSON**, **STEVE REDMOND** (right) and **IAN BRIGHTWELL** have all signed improved new contracts which will tie them to the club for at least another two years.

Says manager **JIMMY FRIZZELL**: "Our immediate task this season is to hang on to our First Division status because the future looks bright. Every club in the country must envy us our five youngsters."

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JOSZEF CHOVANEC of Sparta Prague has been voted Player of the Year in Czechoslovakia.
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